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GALILEO REOPENING PLAN

2021-2022

1.0 Summary of Reopening Work

During the 2020-2021 school year, we were able to gain more information on best practices for operation. Our school team has reviewed previous guidance and made changes and adjustments for our upcoming school year. These adjustments are subject to change and will be reviewed monthly to determine if any changes need to be made to help with the safety of our students and staff.

2.0 Instructional Model for the 2021-22 School Year

Galileo will offer a face-to-face format for the upcoming school year. Students who need to quarantine due to COVID-19 will be provided with instructional resources to be completed at home. Virtual instruction will not be provided for the 2021-22 school year. Students wishing to learn in a virtual platform may sign up for FLVS or SCVS and must withdraw from Galileo. Student seats will not be held for those who wish to learn in the virtual format for the 2021-22 school year.

2.1 Face-to-Face

Galileo will be offering face-to-face instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. We ask that families adhere to the health and safety guidelines outlined in the approved Seminole County Public School 2021-2022 Reopening Plan and Galileo ReOpening Plan while on campus, at extracurricular activities, and while volunteering on campus.

2.2 Virtual School

Any Galileo student not wanting to return to a face-to-face format has the option of withdrawing from Galileo and enrolling in SCVS or FLVS to receive instruction. Student seats at Galileo will not be held. Any family wanting to return to Galileo would need to reapply through our lottery.

2.3 Specialized Supports for Unique Populations

Galileo will continue to provide a full array of services that are required by law, including in person instruction, specialized instruction for students with IEPs, and those from vulnerable populations, such as students from low-income families, students of migrant workers, students who are homeless, students with disabilities, students in foster care and/or students who are English Language Learners.

2.4 Social Emotional and Mental Health Supports

Galileo employs school psychologists, licensed mental health counselors, behavior specialists, deans, an AP who holds credentials as a licensed mental health counselor, and an AP who holds credentials as a school counselor. These individuals will be utilized in supporting the SEL and mental health needs of all students.

The goal is to continue to provide MTSS services for social-emotional health and well-being through guidance lessons, group counseling, and individual counseling. Counseling is tailored to fit the needs of each group or individual who has been identified as needing additional support.

2.5 Instructional Continuity

Consistency with learning platforms will provide instructional continuity in the event of a school-wide or individual student disruption of learning due to crisis. Each grade level and/or classroom will have a Google Classroom in order to allow for access to learning materials.

3.0 Health and Safety Protocols

3.1 Face Coverings for Students and Staff

Galileo will follow the SCPS task force recommendations which includes the following guidance for face coverings in educational settings: Effective August 6, 2021, all employees will be required to wear a protective face covering while indoors on property owned, leased or

operated by Galileo. Employees must comply with face covering requirements for the health and safety of themselves, their colleagues, students, and others. Procedures will be developed to reasonably implement the face covering requirement including, but not limited to designating types of face coverings. This procedure is effective for 30 days, beginning Tuesday, August 10, 2021. We will continue to monitor the situation with our local health experts, align our policies with Seminole County Public Schools, and make a determination about how to proceed before the 30 days have expired.

- Some staff may be required to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to include face coverings when working with symptomatic staff/students.

Staff members seeking individual accommodation needs for health concerns should work with the ADA Coordinator. Students and families seeking individual accommodation needs due to health should work with the Section 504 or IEP team at their assigned school, in coordination with the Galileo Nurse.

All students must wear a face covering that fits snugly against the side of the face and covers both the mouth and nose while indoors on property owned, leased or operated by Galileo. Face coverings may not be worn in a manner that obstruct the wearer's vision or conceals the wearer's entire face, such as ski masks, gas masks, Halloween masks, costume masks, ninja masks, or full-face masks.

All students are required to wear a face covering when they are indoors and are not able to maintain a minimum of six feet of separation from others. Students may remove face coverings, while seated for dining. All face coverings must comply with school dress code and other applicable provisions in SCPS Conduct and Discipline Code. Each student is expected to supply their own individual face covering that complies with this procedure. Galileo will maintain emergency supplies of face coverings for those who need them to comply with this procedure.

- **Exceptions.** A face covering will not be required for the

following:

- Persons outdoors, when not in a crowded setting.
- Persons for whom wearing a face covering would cause impairment due to a preexisting health condition or disability and a determination is made that an accommodation is not reasonably available.
- Persons communicating with hearing-impaired individuals who need to see the other person's mouth to communicate and a reasonable accommodation is not available.
- Any person for whom removal of the face covering is necessary for such person to receive health care, or to undergo a health care examination from authorized health care personnel, or if a person is experiencing acute trouble breathing, is unconscious or incapacitated and is personally unable to remove the face covering without assistance.
- Students participating in indoor activities, like physical education, athletic or performing arts, where the wearing of face coverings is not practicable or may create a health risk may not be required to wear face coverings during the activity but must still follow any and all safety procedures in place for the activity, as established by Galileo.

3.2 Opt- Out

Students: by and through their parent or legal guardian who have indicated in writing using the Google Form Link - sent by Mrs. Nunez, and submitted to school administration and Galileo's school nurse that they choose to opt-out of this procedure, will not be required to wear a face covering while on Galileo school property.

3.3 Social Distancing

Galileo will follow the SCPS task force recommendations which includes the following guidance for social distancing in educational settings:

Social Distancing in classroom and campus education settings is one prevention strategy to utilize, as feasible, with other key mitigation strategies to implement healthy campuses.

There are currently no recommendations or requirements for social distancing for vaccinated individuals. As campus sites have a combination of both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, it is recommended to utilize 3 feet of distancing as feasible while indoors. However, plastic/physical barriers are no longer recommended for use in the classroom or on campus.

Signage will be utilized to remind individuals, especially in larger congregate areas, to use as much physical distancing as feasible.

Galileo will continue to utilize seating charts where feasible and maintain accurate attendance logs in order to provide accurate contact tracing.

3.4 Screening for Illness

Galileo will use observational screening of staff and students who appear ill on campus. We will communicate information to parents and employees about the symptoms of COVID-19 and ask them to self-screen before coming to school. Students and employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 are prohibited from coming to school, and if they do come to school, they will be sent home immediately. Students and staff may be required to obtain a negative Covid test or documentation that they have been cleared by their physician prior to returning to school. Parents who decline having their child tested or who cannot provide clearance from a physician, will be required to quarantine before returning to school.

Galileo will train staff on identifying COVID-19 symptoms. According to current Florida Department of Health guidance, symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Employees and students will be trained to recognize the following COVID-19-related symptoms:

- Fever (100 degrees or greater) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. Seminole County Health Department will continue to update the list as they learn more about COVID-19.

Galileo will use touch free thermometers to check the temperature of any staff or student who appears ill.

3.5 Clinic Spaces and Isolation Procedures

Galileo employs a nurse at each campus and a backup assistant who has been trained in identifying COVID-19 symptoms. The clinic nurse will utilize proper PPE equipment to assess sick children and keep them separated from children who are not ill. Children who are identified as having 2 or more COVID-19 symptoms will be asked to go home and parents will be notified. Parents/guardians should enter the building to sign students out and leave immediately.

3.6 Isolation from School and Protocols to Return to School After Home Isolation

Students and employees should be isolated from school if they test positive for COVID-19. Determinations about the need for home isolation and the length of the isolation period will be made in collaboration with families, Galileo administration, the school nurse, and the Seminole County Health Department. Once a student or employee is isolated from the school environment, they may return if they satisfy the recommendations of the Seminole County Health Department. The district, Galileo, and the Seminole County Health Department will continue to collaborate to refine and implement COVID-19 protocols to assess risk and respond to school-specific matters based on all relevant factors and current information.

Current guidelines require that an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 be isolated for 7 days. If the individual is asymptomatic, they are isolated for 7 days from the date of the positive test. If they are symptomatic, they are isolated for 7 days from symptom onset. Students in quarantine will be provided with instructional resources to be completed from home. Whole classes placed on quarantine due to exposure to an entire class, will have the option to participate in virtual learning through zoom or another approved virtual format.

3.6.1 Exposure Off Campus and on Campus

Galileo needs to be notified if your child is exposed to Covid outside of school so we can contact trace at school if necessary.

- If your child is exposed to anyone with Covid-19, at school or outside of school you have two options:
 - Time Based Strategy- Quarantine at home and receive a negative diagnostic Covid test (PCR or rapid antigen) on Day 5 (or after) of quarantine and student may return to school on Day 5 with their negative test result. **If you choose this option please contact your school nurse to calculate the appropriate date in which to get tested.**
 - An at-home test kit cannot be used for this option as the results are not verifiable by the Department of Health.
 - If you get a diagnostic test prior to the 5th day, the test will be invalid for this option.
 - Please note: these options are only for children who do not

have symptoms while in quarantine. If your student develops symptoms while quarantined for exposure the length of your child's quarantine may be extended. Please contact administration or your school nurse if this occurs.

- If you need to inform the school of a positive case in your household or a positive exposure to your child, quickly inform your campus school nurse and Galileo administration so we can remain ahead of a potential spread and assist you with "next steps" and a return to school date.

3.6.2 Monitoring for Illness at Home

Galileo supports keeping our dragons, their families, our staff and community safe. Please monitor for the following symptoms at home and do not send your child to school if they present with any of the following symptoms:

ONE of these symptoms:

*Fever/chills

*Cough

*Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

OR

TWO OR MORE of these symptoms:

*Congestion or runny nose

*Headache

*Sore throat

*Nausea and/or vomiting

*Diarrhea

*Fatigue

*Muscle or body aches

*New loss of taste or smell

3.6.3 Returning to School After being Sick

You have two options:

- You may bring your child to get a Covid PCR test or a rapid antigen test. If their Covid test is negative they may return to school with their negative results AND a doctor's note stating the date that they may return to school. Your child must also be fever free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) and symptoms must be improving or resolved.
- If you choose not to have your child Covid tested, but they are exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (those marked above) they will have to stay home for the next 10 days. This return date is also contingent upon your student being fever free (< 100 F) for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) and symptom improvement. If not Covid tested, your child must self-quarantine for the full 10 days even if they are feeling better sooner than that.

You can check the Seminole Prepares website for current testing sights. <https://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/departments-services/county-managers-office/prepare-seminole/covid-event.shtml#testing> or Red Bug Lake Park and Museum of Seminole County History have FREE PCR testing 7 days a week from 8am-6pm.

For additional COVID-19 resources: Florida Department of Health Seminole County <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/resources/>

3.7 Confirmed Case of COVID-19 on School Property

When there is confirmation that a person infected with COVID-19 was on Galileo property, the COVID-19 point of contact will complete/update the "Illness Report Log" for submission to the Seminole County Health Department immediately. It is the responsibility of the Seminole County Health Department to contact the person with COVID-19, inform direct contacts of their possible exposure, and provide instructions to those involved with the confirmed case, including siblings and other household

members, regarding self-quarantine and exclusions. The individual who tested positive will not be identified in communications to the school community at large but will be identified to the Seminole County Health Department for contact tracing.

However, school administration may decide to alert impacted students and families of a potential exposure on campus pending investigation by the Department of Health.

- Contact tracing involves the identification of close contacts with the positive COVID individual. Close contacts are currently defined as anyone who is within 6 feet of the positive individual for 15 minutes or more within 48 hours of positive test or symptom onset.
- Close contacts are considered directly exposed and must quarantine for 7 days from last contact with a positive individual. If an individual has completed their COVID vaccination series or has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they may be exempt from quarantine.

As soon as Galileo becomes aware of a student or employee who has been exposed to or has been diagnosed with COVID-19, the custodial staff will be informed and areas where the infected person was located will be sanitized.

3.7.1 International Travel

If your family is planning international travel, Galileo will follow CDC guidance regarding arrival back to the US.

- Unvaccinated children will need a negative viral (PCR) test 3-5 days after your trip and to self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel, even if their test is negative. If you choose not to get tested, they must stay home and quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Vaccinated children should get a viral (PCR) test 3-5 days after travel and parents should monitor for symptoms and isolate and get tested if symptoms develop.

3.8 Reporting Protocols

Galileo will have a designated administrator as the COVID Safety Manager (CSM) to act as the key contact for cases in collaboration with the Department of Health and school nurse. Training will be provided to all staff acting in this role. Cases will be reported to the Department of Health as outlined in 3.6 and will be published on the district website and updated weekly.

4.0 School Operations

4.1 Campus Visitors and Volunteers

Campus Visitors Suspension Extended Through October 9th: Effective Friday, September 10th, through Saturday, October 9th, visitors will temporarily not be allowed on any Galileo campus during standard operating school hours. This extension does not prohibit the conducting of legitimate school business with parents and legal guardians as determined by school principals and their designees. As the circumstances around the COVID-19 Delta variant fluctuate, this procedure will be reassessed during the extended period to determine next steps as we continue to monitor and navigate the situation.

4.2 Campus Events

4.2.1 Indoor Events

- Social distancing should be encouraged during indoor events, when possible, for spectators and participants.
- A capacity of 50% is recommended for indoor events.
- Entry to concerts, plays, and other events should have cashless transaction options such as: credit/debit card readers or online prepaid tickets.
- Hand sanitizer stands should be placed at the entry/exit of all venues

and concession stands for spectator use.

- Large concerts, plays, and other events can be streamed or recorded for fans to watch remotely.

4.2.2 Outdoor Events

- Capacity will follow state and local guidance.
- Galileo will adhere to Seminole County Public Schools event guidelines.
- Hand sanitizer stands will be placed at the entry/exit of all venues and concession stands for spectator use.
- Entries to games, matches, tournaments, and other sporting events will have cashless transaction options such as: credit/debit card readers or online prepaid tickets.

4.2.3 Vendors & Contractors Face Coverings

Effective Friday, August 6, 2021 all vendors and contractors will be required to wear a face covering while indoors on property owned, leased or operated by Galileo. Procedures will be developed to reasonably implement the face covering requirement including, but not limited to designating types of face coverings.

4.3 Cafeteria Services

All students have the eligibility to receive free and reduced breakfast and lunch according to federal guidelines.

4.3.2 Elementary Campuses

- To the extent feasible, all students will eat in the dining room seated with their classroom cohort group.
- Sanitizer will be available for all guests entering the cafeteria in multiple locations to allow for distancing.

- Tables, seats, and contact points will be cleaned and sanitized between service with assistance from custodians.
- Traditional menu simplification for students will include:
 - Packaged choices available (PBJ, Salad meal, etc.) and
 - Increased availability of “grab and go” options.

4.3.3 Secondary Campuses

- To the extent feasible, all students will eat in the cafeteria. Galileo will utilize outside/courtyard spaces for additional dining space.
- Sanitizer will be available for all guests entering the dining room in multiple locations to allow for greater distancing.
- Wrapped cutlery and packaged condiments will be provided for guests. The cafeteria will adjust packaging to allow for more closed container options.
- Tables, seats, and contact points will be cleaned and disinfected between services with assistance from custodians.

4.5 Cleaning and Disinfection

The CDC and OSHA provide guidance on cleaning and disinfection of schools and buildings. The district will support schools by providing:

- Training on disinfection methods and quality control expectations for custodial employees.
- Central ordering system for disinfection products and PPE.
- Provide direction to schools and district departments on ordering cleaning and safety products for each site.
- Hand-held, hospital grade misting machines to assist in volume and output potential of High Touch Surface disinfection.
- After-hours operations shall include High Touch Surface disinfection with hand-held, hospital grade mister as part of the normal custodial effort.
- Custodians to assist with cleaning and disinfecting all common

areas.

- Ensure that all disinfectants are stored in a proper location.
- Supply soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, paper towels, and tissue.
- Facilities will provide schools with directions on how to order supplies through the warehouse.
- Establish a schedule for routine cleaning and disinfection of school facilities (e.g., tables, desks, chairs, door handles, light switches, railings, faucet/toilet handles, drinking fountains, playground equipment, gym equipment, cafeteria tables/carts/trays, countertops).
- Encourage students and staff to bring water from home to limit the amount of use at water fountains that are not fill stations.