



## Lower School Safe Return FAQs

Dear Lower School Families,

Thank you for joining us on [Facebook Live](#) to hear about our plan for a Safe Return to in-person learning. If you were unable to join us, you can access a recording of the Town Hall [at this link](#). More information is also available on the Great Hearts Irving website at [greatheartssirving.org/safereturn](https://greatheartssirving.org/safereturn).

We recognize that you have lots of questions about our plans, and we would like to provide clarification where we can. Below you will find answers to many of the most frequently asked questions. If you do not find the clarification you are looking for, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [info@greatheartssirving.org](mailto:info@greatheartssirving.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcy Finn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marcy Finn  
Headmaster, Lower School  
Great Hearts Irving

**Q. Do I need to return my student's school computer?**

A. Not yet. Please keep the computers in a safe location until we let you know a good time to return them. Should a student, class, or grade level need to return to Distance Learning, student devices will once again be needed at home.

**Q. What symptoms should I screen my child for each morning?**

A. Symptoms to be on the lookout for include: a temperature of 100.0°F or higher, new onset of cough, difficulty breathing, headaches, vomiting, or diarrhea. A more comprehensive list of symptoms can be found on [Great Hearts Texas' Student Home Screening](#), also available at [greatheartssirving.org/safereturn](http://greatheartssirving.org/safereturn).

**Q. Can we continue Distance Learning if we choose?**

A. Yes. Distance Learning will continue to be offered through the entire school year, and we are committed to continuing to provide the highest quality education to our Distance Learning students even after our campus reopens.

**Q. If we originally opted for Distance Learning, can we return to school on September 22nd?**

A. Please call the school or send an email to Ms. Finn letting us know that you would like your student to return in person after all and to confirm that we can accommodate your request.

**Q. What is the Meet and Greet event?**

A. Our Safe Return Meet and Greet event on Monday, September 21 is an opportunity for families to say hello to their child's teacher, drop off supplies and medication, and pick up name placards for afternoon carline. More information, including links to each classroom's Sign Up Genius, can be found at [greatheartssirving.org/meetandgreet](http://greatheartssirving.org/meetandgreet).

**Q. Do I need to sign up for a time for the Meet and Greet on September 21st?**

A. Yes. To help ensure the health and safety of all, we want to limit the number of people on campus at any given time. Each classroom's Sign Up Genius is available at [greatheartssirving.org/meetandgreet](http://greatheartssirving.org/meetandgreet). If you have more than one child, you will need to sign up for separate slots for each of their classrooms.

**Q. Do we come to the Meet and Greet if we are remaining in Distance Learning?**

A. No. This is an opportunity for families whose students are returning to in-person learning to drop off materials and medication, say hello to their child's teacher, and pick up name placards for afternoon carline.

**Q. Will my child's teacher change when he/she returns to school in person?**

A. We are doing our best to keep students in the same classrooms in which they began the year.

**Q. Does my child have to wear a mask?**

A. All students will be required to wear a face covering when arriving to school or traveling throughout the building. Students in Fourth and Fifth Grades will also wear face coverings while at their desks. Students in Kindergarten through Third Grade will be allowed to remove their face coverings while at their desks and behind the clear desk shields we will be installing in their classrooms. Please see [Great Hearts' Face Covering Policy](#) for additional details.

**Q. Will students' temperature be taken?**

A. Yes. We will begin the year by checking students' temperatures in morning carline. Teachers will also have the ability to check throughout the day if the need arises.

**Q. What happens if a student begins to feel ill during the school day?**

A. We now have a C.A.R.E. (COVID Assessment Response Evaluation) Room in which students who show symptoms associated with COVID-19 will go until their parents arrive to pick them up. Parents will pick students up from the C.A.R.E. Room using the Green Carline.