

BREMEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REOPENING PLAN (A WORK IN PROGRESS)



GUIDANCE REGARDING 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

- BPS intends to open with as few restrictions as possible
- Any restrictions, including, but not limited to:
 - The wearing of masks
 - Contact tracing requirements
 - Social distancing
 - Vaccination requirements
- Will be determined by following current best practices and guidance as issued by the CDC, ISHD, and Marshall County Health Department

AT HOME SCREENINGS

- Employees are required to do a personal health screening and to not report to work if they have a fever or are experiencing multiple symptoms of COVID-19.
- We ask that parents and guardians also perform a quick health check on their children and to NOT send them to school if they have a fever or are experiencing multiple symptoms of COVID-19.
- It is imperative for the health of our school community that ANYONE who has a fever should not report to school.

BUS OPERATIONS:

- Drivers will have N95 masks and face shields available to them.
- Student will be encouraged to wear masks to ride the bus.
- Seating charts are strongly encouraged, and students should not change seat locations while the bus is in operation
- Upon arrival, students will be dismissed off the busses immediately. This will provide for a staggered entrance to the building
- Busses will be sanitized daily

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL:

- Students and staff members will wear masks (if required) when arriving at school and while transitioning to their classrooms.
- Teachers and staff members will conduct a temperature check of the students within their homerooms.
- Any student found to potentially have a fever (99 degrees or higher using a touchless thermometer) will be sent to the nurse's office for further examination.

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

- A brief wellness screening will be conducted in a group setting while the students are in their home rooms. Students will be asked (generally as a group) if they feel ill and wish to report to the nurse for examination. As a reminder, the symptoms of COVID-19 are:
 - A fever of 100.4° F or greater
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of taste or smell

GENERAL INSTRUCTION GUIDANCE:

- Once settled into their classrooms, students and staff members may remove their face coverings (if required). Anyone wishing to wear a mask during instruction shall be allowed to do so.
- All desks should be arranged (whenever possible) in a fashion that promotes social distancing to the maximum extent possible, and face in the same direction whenever possible.
- At no time should students be gathered closely together nor seated on the floor (for example, the common practice of books being read to elementary students)
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms.



TRANSITION TIMES:

- Near the end of the class period, the classroom teacher will spray student safe disinfectant/cleaner on the student desks (MSDS information will be available). Students will then use disposable paper towels to wipe down the desk in which they have been seated. This may also be completed with disinfectant wipes if available.
- When possible, we will stagger transitions to lower the number of students in hallways
- When transitions are necessary, students and staff members should wear masks when moving through common areas (hallways, bathrooms, etc.)

LUNCH:

- Students will wash their hands prior to being served their lunches.
- Lunch times will be extended allowing lowering the necessary seating capacity and allowing for adequate social distancing of students while they eat.
- Disposable utensils will be utilized (depending upon availability)

RECESS:

- Students should be required to wash their hands both before and after recess.
- Social distancing will be encouraged.
- Since there is the potential for multiple classrooms to be on the playground simultaneously, face masks are recommended if social distance cannot be achieved.

BATHROOMS & WATER FOUNTAINS

- Bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized every evening
- Hygiene posters will be posted prominently to encourage hand washing practices
- When possible, bathroom doors will be propped open to allow for touchless entry and exit
- Per IDOE guidance, most water fountains will be disabled.
- In strategic areas, water fountains will be converted to water bottle filling stations
- Students will be allowed to have water bottles/containers in all classrooms

MEDICALLY FRAGILE STUDENTS

- Working with our school nurse, parents/guardians of students who may be considered medically fragile will be identified.
- Parents will be contacted to discuss the best instructional plan for their child depending upon their risk factors and level of accommodations that can be provided.

PROCESS IN CASE OF COVID-19 CASE

- Bremen Public Schools will work in partnership with the Marshall County Health Department to determine the risk to the school community and act accordingly.
- It is anticipated that multiple confirmed cases will be required to warrant school closure.
- Bremen Public Schools will be transparent in communicating with our school community when we are made aware of a COVID event. Please know, that for sake of student privacy, we will not be able to share information about a specific student.

SCHOOL VISITORS:

- To avoid unnecessary contacts and spread, visitors to the school will be limited to the office areas only.
- Parents will not be allowed to walk their children directly to the classroom
- Staff members should avoid unnecessary contact with instructional spaces that are not part of their instruction (i.e. walking their children to their classrooms)