



BEAVERTON SCHOOLS

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Back to School Plans for 2021-2022

Dear Beaverton Families and Staff:

First and foremost, I wanted to personally thank you for your patience and understanding during this past school year. It was a year like no other. As we wrap up the 2020-2021 school year, we begin to prepare for the 2021-2022 school year. With the most recent release of the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) interim [recommendations](#), it has caused quite the stir around the state.

We have received many questions about what school will look like for the 2021-2022 school year. This update will provide you with our plans as of **TODAY**. One thing we learned this past year was to prepare for change. What we release today is subject to change. If we were to receive public health orders from the CDC, MDHHS, and/or Central Michigan Health Department (CMHD), then we will adjust accordingly. Athletics will adhere to ALL rules and requirements set forth by MDHHS and Michigan High School Athletic Association.

General Information

What will our instructional model look like?

All students will be expected to attend school face to face (F2F) full-time five days per week following the published school calendar: [2021-2022 Beaverton Schools District Calendar](#)

Will Beaverton Schools offer a virtual option for students?

No, we did not have enough demand to make it feasible for our district.

When does school start?

Our first day of school is on Monday, August 30, 2021.

When is the Back to School Open House?

Back to School Open House will take place on the evening of August 25. Actual times will be from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. More information will be coming from each building in early August.

What is the cost of breakfast and lunch for the 2021-2022 school year?

School breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge once again. However, a la carte items (i.e., a cookie, a bag of chips, a bottle of water, etc.) will have to be purchased with funds through an established food service account.

COVID-19 & Communicable Disease Protocols

Are face masks required at school?

Face masks will be optional for staff and students. Parents/guardians will be expected to provide for their children if they choose to wear them.

Will students be screened before entering the buildings?

Our best approach is to have parents/guardians of our students screen them each day before they leave home and enter the school buildings. Please check your child **DAILY** for these symptoms (please keep them home and notify the school if they have at least one of these listed symptoms):

- Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth;
- Sore throat;
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline);
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain; or
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.

Will my child be required to get the COVID-19 vaccine in order to attend school?

No. The COVID-19 vaccine is not listed on the School Required Vaccination List. For more information, please see: [School Required Vaccines for Parents by MDHHS](#)

Will you separate students who are vaccinated from students who are unvaccinated?

No. Vaccination status is a personal choice.

Will students be in cohorts in the classroom or on the playground?

Yes and no. As of June 22, 2021, MDHHS has discontinued all gathering limits for residential and nonresidential settings. Beaverton Schools will continue to implement a cohort model for our grades PK-6 for classroom times. The staff found the cohort model to be very effective for many reasons. However, we do plan to allow for some cohorts to have interactions throughout the day.

Will contact tracing continue?

Schools are required to report communicable diseases to their local health department within 24 hours. Positive or probable COVID-19 cases will be reported to the Central Michigan Health Department. For a complete list of reportable diseases, please see the following document: [2021 Reportable Diseases](#). When there is a positive or probable case within a classroom, an exposure letter will be sent home to parent(s) just as we do with other communicable diseases such as chicken pox.

Will Beaverton Schools quarantine students?

No. All quarantines will be issued by the individual student's resident health department. For Beaverton Schools, we operate under the advisement of the Central Michigan Health Department.

Will student athletes need to be tested for COVID-19 to participate?

No. MDHHS and MHSAA lifted all **requirements** for student testing as of June 22, 2021.

The factors surrounding this COVID 19 pandemic are changing rapidly, and rest assured that we will update you as often and as thoroughly as necessary. The safety of our students, staff and communities is our top priority, and we thank you for your attention and support. School plays a vital role in our community, and we've seen that having F2F instruction this past school year has provided a significant benefit for the academic, social, emotional, and physical wellbeing of our students and families. The ability to keep our schools open for F2F instruction is dependent not only on our ability to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the walls of our building. In summary, we want to thank everyone for doing your part. It is our continued focus on the health and safety precautions within our schools and we ask for your assistance outside of the schools. Thank you for your continuous support.

We wish you and your family a wonderful 4th of July holiday!

Respectfully,

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