

**Bryan County Schools
COVID Guidelines
2021-2022 School Year**

- Masks will be optional; however, masks are recommended for non-vaccinated staff, students and visitors. Bryan County Schools will continue to provide disposable masks to individuals who might request them.
- Students or staff who test positive for COVID-19 will continue to follow Department of Public Health guidelines, which require individuals to stay home for 10 days since symptoms first appeared and be fever-free, without use of fever-reducing medications, for 24 hours before returning to school.
- When Principals are informed of a positive case among students or staff, they will notify any affected staff and email a notification to the parents of students in the impacted classes notifying them of the positive case and the important need to monitor for symptoms. Precautionary quarantines will not be required. This is the same State-mandated practice Bryan County Schools follows for other serious communicable diseases.
- COVID-19 vaccinations are not required for employees or students. The Bryan County Health Department and many local healthcare providers have COVID-19 vaccines readily available.
- Protecting our students, teachers, and staff from infection is critical to ensuring instruction continues without interruption. Schools will continue to use physical distancing when possible and encourage proper hygiene practices, such as washing hands regularly and using hand sanitizer. Students and staff should self-monitor daily for COVID-19 symptoms. Bryan County Schools will continue to invest in increased cleaning and sanitizing applications at all school locations and on buses. These measures have made an improvement in overall student and staff health.

Bryan County Schools COVID-19 Guidelines are completely dependent upon the impact of COVID-19 on our schools. These guidelines may be changed at any time.