



Due to the end of the Public Health State of Emergency on June 30, 2021, Bartow County Schools will return to school with normal operating procedures. However, BCS will institute the following Public Health Protocols for the 2021-2022 school year, and we will continue to monitor any outbreaks in our schools and make any necessary adjustments as needed.

Face Coverings

- Optional for students and staff in school buildings, on school buses, and at extracurricular activities
- Disposable masks will continue to be provided to those who might request them

Social Distance

- Social distancing in classrooms and school buildings will be observed when appropriate and feasible

Visitors, Field Trips

- Volunteers will be permitted to work throughout the school in accordance with Bartow County Board Policy and school safety protocols
- Field trips and school assemblies will resume as normal

Water Fountains, Cafeteria, and Class Schedules

- Schools will determine operating procedures for lunchtime and class schedules
- Water fountains and water bottle filling stations will be available

Cleaning and Sanitizing

- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout all system facilities
- BCS will continue extensive cleaning of all facilities on a daily basis
- School buses will be disinfected after each morning and afternoon bus route

School Clinics

- If a student exhibits COVID-19 related symptoms, school nurses will implement system protocols related to masks, isolation, and parent contact

COVID-19 Vaccinations

- COVID-19 vaccinations are not required for students or staff, but they are recommended by public health officials

Quarantine

- Students or staff identified as close contacts to a positive COVID-19 case will be notified and contact tracing will be implemented
- In absence of symptoms, BCS will not prohibit students from attending school but it is recommended that parents still adhere to Department of Public Health (DPH) guidelines
- If a family decides to have their child quarantine, this quarantine will be in accordance with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Department of Public Health (DPH) guidelines and will be considered an excused absence. Students will be allowed to make up work as they would any other excused absence