



# BUNKER HILL

— Community Unit School District #8 —

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## BUNKER HILL CUSD #8

### CONTINUITY OF LEARNING (BACK-TO-SCHOOL) PLAN 2021-2022

#### **Introduction**

Bunker Hill CUSD #8 is excited for the upcoming school year, which we hope is as close to normal as possible while striving to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our buildings. To that end, we have developed the following Continuity of Learning Plan (many districts are referring to as a Reopening Plan, but Bunker Hill #8 was always and always will be open). Bunker Hill CUSD #8 will strive to communicate in a timely manner any and all changes to our document. The intent of this plan is to ensure that our students can achieve to their fullest potential (specifically returning to full-time in-person instruction) while providing a safe learning environment during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Masks**

The most recent updated Executive Order issued by Governor Pritzker (8/4/2021) requires universal masking until further notice for all PK-12 students and staff regardless of vaccination status. In order to repeal layers of mitigation (such as masks), districts must consult the following:

- Percentages of student and staff vaccination status
- Community transmission levels
- Widespread testing

It is the District's hope that after the Executive Order expires, mitigation measures will revert to local control. At that point, the above points will be evaluated in order to possibly begin removing one layer of mitigation at a time. Until that time, Board Policy #5.45 remains in effect.

#### **Physical Distancing**

Bunker Hill CUSD #8 teachers will be encouraged to spread students out as much as possible within their classroom. We will strive to maintain at least three feet distance to the greatest extent possible while indoors; however, there will be times, such as during lunch, where maintain three feet will be difficult.

## **Quarantining & Contact Tracing**

Students who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate per CDC/IDPH/MCPHD guidelines. Parents of students in close contact at school will be notified that their student was near a student or staff member who tested positive. Students who “opt in” to the Shield testing will soon have the option to “test to stay” in school by submitting to a saliva test on Days 1, 3, 5 and 7.

## **Symptom Screenings**

By sending their children to school, parents and guardians are certifying that they have conducted a daily symptom check of their child. Parents and guardians must keep their child home if they exhibit one or more of the following COVID-like symptoms:

- Fever (100.4 degrees or higher)
- New onset of moderate to severe headache
- Shortness of breath
- New cough
- Sore Throat
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue from unknown cause
- Body or muscle aches from unknown cause

## **Handwashing & Respiratory Etiquette**

We will continue to promote frequent handwashing and/or use of hand sanitizer. We will also continue to reinforce proper respiratory etiquette such as covering coughs and sneezes.

## **Cleaning & Disinfecting**

Classrooms, door handles, and other commonly touched surfaces will be sanitized daily. Students are encouraged to bring a personal water bottle to be used at school.

## **Vaccination**

While the district views the vaccination status of students as a private choice, the district administration or school nurse may have to verify vaccination status in order to allow them to avoid certain mitigation measures, such as quarantines.

## **Disclosure**

The contents of this plan are subject to change based on Federal, State, or Local guidance and/or conditions. Any changes will be communicated via email, posted to the district website as appropriate. While current CDC/IDPH recommendations are not mandates, the district will ensure tort immunity is not jeopardized. In the case of a mandate, the district is obligated to comply or risk personal as well as professional liabilities, including willful or wanton negligence.

## **Remote Learning**

Pursuant to the ISBE declaration: “Beginning with the 2021-22 school year, all school must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days, provided that, pursuant to [Section 10-30 of the Illinois School Code], remote instruction be made available for students who are not eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine, ONLY while they are under quarantine consistent

with guidance or requirements from a local public health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health.”

### **Layers of Mitigation Measures**

Bunker Hill CUSD #8 will utilize the following measures as may be deemed necessary from time to time:

- Contact Tracing
- Shield or BinaxNow Testing
- Hosting vaccination clinics
- Masking requirements
- Social Distancing strategies
- Additional Cleaning and Disinfection
- Ventilation (MERV-13 or HEPA filters in HVAC, classroom doors/windows open, bus windows cracked a few inches when possible)

### **Option Approved by the Bunker Hill CUSD # 8 Board of Education – 8/5/21**

Begin year with universal masking while deploying the Shield testing with target date of Labor Day