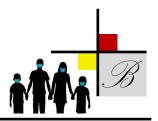


# BRYAN COUNTY SCHOOLS REOPENING GUIDELINES



#### STUDENT AND STAFF SAFETY

- Face masks are required for all staff.
- Face masks are required for all students while riding the bus and at school.
- At times where social distancing is possible, teachers will work on providing face mask breaks throughout the day.
- Parents are encouraged to purchase masks that best meet the needs of their child.
- We will make accommodations for students or employees who are unable to wear a mask for documented health reasons.
- Any content on the face mask and/or style of face mask must meet the Bryan County Schools dress code requirements listed in the student handbook.
- In emergency situations where your child forgets his/her mask, a mask will be provided as they board the bus or when they arrive at school.
- If your child refuses to wear a mask, they will most likely be sent home.
- If you are unwilling to have your child wear a mask or you know your child will refuse to wear a mask, we ask that you strongly consider e-Learning as an option.

### CLASSROOM

- Classroom desks and door handles will be regularly cleaned and disinfected.
- To the extent possible, classroom configurations will support social distancing. This could include having all students face in the same direction.
- Sharing of personal items in classrooms will be discouraged.
- Class sizes will be balanced to the extent possible in order to promote social distancing within the classroom.
- All classes will be required to have an active Google Classroom component in case we are forced to close.
- Substitute teachers will be expected to follow all Bryan County Schools safety guidelines.
- Staff will teach and reinforce good hygiene practices (handwashing, use of face coverings, appropriate actions when sneezing, coughing).
- Each classroom will have access to hand sanitizer.



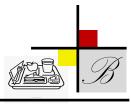
#### SCHOOL BUILDING

- As students enter the building, they will immediately report to their designated area.
- Soap and towel dispensers will be checked routinely to ensure adequate supply.
- Students should report issues in regards to restrooms to their teacher or other staff member.
- All water fountains (upward spouts) will be disabled.
- Students are encouraged to bring water bottles from home.
- Students must use bottle fillers to obtain water.
- ◆ To promote COVID-19 protective measures, signs will be posted in highly visible locations throughout each building.
- Ventilation systems will be programmed to provide increased air circulation throughout the building.



## TRANSITIONING AND RECESS

- Student movement outside of the classroom during instruction will be limited.
- Surfaces that are frequently touched during transitions will be routinely cleaned and disinfected.
- Class changes and transitions within the school will be intentionally reviewed/monitored at each school, and to the extent possible, practices will be put in place to promote social distancing and separation of students.
- Schools will create a plan to limit the number of students in a bathroom at any given time.
- Recess will continue at elementary schools, but the number of students at recess at a single time will be limited.
- Parts of the playground and/or equipment may be prohibited at various times.
- After any physical activity, students will be required to wash their hands.



#### CAFETERIA

- Breakfast and lunch procedures will be developed at the school level in cooperation with the Principal, Cafeteria Manager, and the district's School Nutrition Director.
- Rather than every student entering their pin number onto the key pad, the cashier will enter the numbers for all students.
- No self-serve options will be offered to students or staff.
- ◆ To ensure the safety of children, to the extent possible, students may eat in classrooms or in cafeteria with spaced seating if feasible.
- Principals may choose to use other areas (gymnasium/commons/outside) in the school for breakfast/lunch.
- General USDA Federal Guidelines will be observed.



# ATHLETICS AND P.E.

- Athletic conditioning, practices and contests will operate under guidance provided by the Georgia High School Association.
- Schools will increase disinfection procedures in locker rooms and weight rooms.

# VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS/ LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY CHECKOUT



- Any parent or visitor needing to meet with an employee will be required to have an appointment. Staff may not be available to meet the day of the request.
- All visitors/volunteers will be required to wear masks and have their temperature taken before meeting with staff.
- Guest speakers/teachers or third party representatives will be required to wear masks and have their temperature taken before meeting with students or staff.
- All volunteers will be required to schedule their time with the school prior to volunteering.
- Visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations will be limited.
- Early checkouts must contact the school prior to arrival/checkout.
- Only one person will be allowed in the front office lobby at a time, and a face mask must be worn.



### TRANSPORTATION

#### Bus Riders

- ♦ In an emergency situation where your child forgets his/her mask, a mask will be provided as they board the bus or when they arrive at school.
- ♦ Every bus will be equipped with disinfectant and will be disinfected each day.
- ♦ Each bus will have hand sanitizer for students to use as appropriate.
- ♦ COVID-19 posters will be placed at the front of each bus in plain view of all students. Reminders for students will be reinforced via signage and bus driver communication with students.
- ♦ The bus driver will utilize spaced seating (to extent practicable) and students will have assigned seats.
- ♦ Drivers will open windows to promote air circulation.
- ♦ Bus drivers, monitors, and students will be required to wear face coverings.
- ♦ Students will be asked to keep their hands to themselves and face forward throughout the trip to school and home.
- ♦ Field trips will be eliminated.



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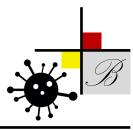
#### Car Riders/Walkers/Student Drivers

- ♦ Once parked on campus, students should exit the vehicle and report to his/her designated area in the building (use hand sanitizer stations as you enter the building).
- ♦ Be aware of any passengers' potential exposure to COVID-19 and limit as much risk as possible.
- ♦ Walkers need to limit congregation.
- ♦ We discourage non-family members carpooling.



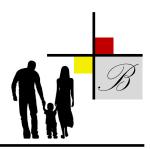
# WHEN SOMEONE BECOMES ILL AT SCHOOL

- The school principal and nurse will identify an isolation room or area to separate anyone who exhibits COVID-19 like symptoms.
- School nurse will use standard and transmission-based precautions when caring for sick people.
- School nurse will assess the health risk based on the COVID-19 questionnaire and utilizing typical medical protocols for diagnosis.
- School nurse will contact the parent of a sick child. The nurse will communicate the details to the principal as well as the main point of contact at the District Office.



## **COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES**

- If a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 occurs, notification will be sent home by the school regarding possible contact.
- The Department of Public Health (DPH) is responsible for contact tracing and the school will support DPH in their efforts.
- ♦ If a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 occurs, the Bryan County Schools COVID-19 cleaning crew will complete a deep cleaning in areas of the building that might be impacted.
- The number of positive COVID-19 cases (students/staff) could have an impact on the schools ability to remain open.



#### PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide and require your child to wear a mask while riding the bus and at school.
- ◆ Take your child's temperature daily and do not send your child to school if he/she is experiencing any of the following symptoms: Fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste and/or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.
- Teach and reinforce proper hygiene measures to your child.
- Remind your child to let his/her teacher know if he/she feels ill.
- Remind your child to keep hands away from his/her mouth and not to touch others.
- ◆ Do not bring your child to school if he/she is exhibiting symptoms (symptomatic) with confirmed COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19. He/she may return if 1) Fever free for at least 72 hours WITHOUT use of fever reducing medications AND shows improvement of respiratory symptoms **AND** 2) At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- ♦ Do not bring your child to school if he/she is exhibiting NO symptoms (asymptomatic) with confirmed COVID-19. He/she may return if at least 10 days have passed since the date of the laboratory test (not the date of the results) and child remains asymptomatic. Note: asymptomatic persons who test positive and later develop symptoms should follow the guidelines above for symptomatic persons.
- ♦ Keep your child home for 14 days from the date of close contact with an individual who has a confirmed COVID-19 test. Close contact is defined as: 1) Being within 6 feet of a sick person with COVID-19 for about 15 minutes without any PPE, 2) Being in direct contact with secretions from a sick person with COVID-19, 3) Living in the same household as a sick person with COVID-19.