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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

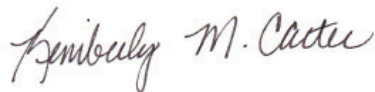
Dear BCPS community,

School starts on August 26! We are so thrilled to welcome students and staff back to school for the 2020-21 school year! Although this school year will be different, we are confident in the planning and dedication that our community and staff have taken on to ensure that all BCPS students can continue to learn and engage.

Over the past few months, we have been working hard on a plan to ensure a safe and healthy return to learning. The plan that is summarized in this document was created in collaboration with families, students, volunteer staff members, and BCPS leadership and informed by Gov. Whitmer’s MI Safe Schools Roadmap and guidelines from our state and local Health Departments.

Thank you for your Bearcat pride, and for playing such an essential role in our community. We know that being a parent right now is harder than ever, and we so appreciate the work our families are putting in to help students learn and succeed. We know that together, the BCPS community can achieve anything!

Regards,



Superintendent Kimberly Carter

STATE GUIDANCE AND REQUIREMENTS

The **MI Safe Start Plan** was developed by the Governor’s office to outline how the state will reopen while also working to to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. The six phase approach outlined in the plan dictates which safety protocols and levels of in person instruction will occur when schools reopen.

Phase Number	1 Uncontrolled growth	2 Persistent spread	3 Flattening	4 Improving	5 Containing	6 Post-pandemic
What’s happening with the disease	Increasing number of new cases every day, likely to overwhelm the health system.	Continue to see high case levels with concern about health system capacity.	Case growth is gradually declining.	Cases, hospitalizations and deaths are clearly declining.	Continued case and death rate improvements and outbreaks can be quickly contained.	Community spread not expected to return.

BCPS Phase-By-Phase

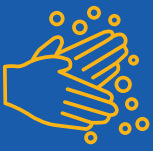
Reopening Roadmap At-A-Glance

Safety protocols will no longer be required in phase 6.

	Phase 1 - 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
Overview	Schools will not be open for in-person instruction; all schools will offer remote learning.	Grades K-5: Will return to in-person school full time, on a regular basis (5 days a week). Grades 6-12: Will engage in remote learning for at least the first nine weeks; engaging in live remote lessons with their assigned teachers 5 days per week based upon each student's course schedule.	All students in all schools (K-12) will return to in-person school full time, 5 days a week.
Special Needs Students	Schools will not be open for in-person instruction; all schools will offer remote learning.	Students with critical special needs, as determined by the school, may participate in appointment-based in-person learning, or also return to in-person school full time (regardless of the grade level).	All in-person schooling will resume for all students, including special needs students.
Virtual Option	All Phases: A Virtual Academy option is available for all families with students in grades K-12 who prefer for their children to attend school remotely for at least the entire first semester.		
Face Coverings	Schools closed for in-person learning.	Face coverings are required for all students and staff at all times, except during meals.	Face coverings are required for all students and staff at all times, except during meals.
Gatherings	Schools closed for in-person learning.	Field trips and other gatherings suspended. School buildings closed to family members and guests.	Gatherings and building visitation permitted with additional safety protocols including social distancing and limitation of group size.
Transportation	Schools closed and no transportation provided.	Transportation provided for K-5 students, with facial coverings and use of hand sanitizer required.	Transportation provided for K-12 students with use of hand sanitizer and facial coverings highly recommended.
Nutrition and Food Service <small>*Grab-and-Go meal distribution subject to state and federal approval.</small>	Meals are provided for pickup at sites across the community.	For K-5 students attending school in person, school meals will be served in buildings. Pickup sites will remain open for grab-and-go meals throughout the community.	School meals will be served in buildings with strict safety protocols. Community meal pickup will end.



Note: Battle Creek Public Schools will continue to consult with public health officials throughout each phase of the reopening plan to monitor critical health milestones and determine whether any adjustments are needed.



Health and Safety Information

Families will be crucial to helping us reinforce safe hygiene habits with students, and ensure that students who are displaying symptoms do not attend school. Please review this information with your child and conduct daily home screening before attending school or extracurricular activities.

YOUR ROLE

Hand-Washing

All students and staff should wash hands frequently. If soap and water are not available, students and staff should use alcohol-based hand sanitizer, which will be provided. Please review proper hand-washing techniques with your student before the first day of school. Specific protocols will be put into place for students to wash hands or use sanitizer:

- Upon arrival to the building
- When using the restroom
- Before any meal
- When visibly dirty
- Before leaving each area of the building
- After using a tissue or coughing into hands

Stay Home if Sick

Staff and students will conduct daily self-examinations, including a temperature check, prior to coming to work/school. Anyone experiencing any of the symptoms listed below is not to attend school or school events. Your student should stay home if they have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever 100 degrees or higher
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Excessive fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache coupled with other symptoms
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

BCPS POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Cleaning

To minimize the risk of spread of COVID-19, we are implementing strict cleaning procedures across all buildings, including a district disinfecting team to ensure regular cleaning and disinfecting throughout the day.

- Frequently touched surfaces, including light switches, doors, benches and bathrooms, will be cleaned and disinfected at least every four hours.
- Libraries, computer labs, arts and other hands-on classrooms will be cleaned after every class period.
- Student desks will be wiped down after every class period in 6-12 classrooms.
- When in-person school resumes for these grades, 6-12 student desks will be wiped down after every class period.

Supplies & Materials

BCPS will provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for safe use by staff and students, paper towels, tissues and signs reinforcing proper hand-washing techniques.

Sanitizer and cleaning supplies will be provided in every classroom.

Symptom Monitoring

BCPS schools will cooperate with the local public health department regarding implementing protocols for screening students and staff.

Students who become ill with symptoms of COVID-19 during school will be placed in an identified quarantine area with a surgical mask in place until they can be picked up. Identified school staff caring for these children will wear a surgical mask, with the exception of students with special needs requiring aerosolized procedures in which an N95 or an equivalent mask is required.

Symptomatic students sent home from school will be kept home until they have tested negative or have completely recovered according to CDC guidelines.

Quarantine, Testing & Recovery

We will follow guidance from the Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD) in the event of a symptomatic student or staff member or a positive test result.

If a student or staff member display symptoms:

- The symptomatic individual will return home immediately and will remain home while they await test results.
- If negative, they must be symptom-free (without medications) for 24 hours before returning.
- Classmates, family members and teachers with close contact should continue to self-monitor for symptoms.

If a student or staff member tests positive:

- The affected individual will return home immediately (if not already home).
- They must isolate at home until it has been at least 10 days from the first day they had symptoms, symptoms have improved and they have had 24 hours with no fever.
- Those with close contact to the individual must quarantine at home for 14 days from their last exposure to the affected person. Close contacts, as defined by CCPHD, includes anyone who was within 6 feet of a person infected with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes with or without a mask. BCPS will follow the CCPHD's recommended tracing protocol for all positive COVID-19 cases including communication with families in the event of a positive case and actively identifying close contacts of the affected student or staff member.