

COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies & Updates Since June 22, 2021

School Year 2021- 2022



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Equity Framework



Equity in education means that each child has access to relevant and challenging academic experiences and educational resources necessary for success across race, gender, ethnicity, language, disability, family backgrounds and/or income.

COVID-19 has further complicated and exacerbated social and educational inequities with its additional impact across other social systems such as healthcare, housing, and employment. As educators, communities, and policymakers work together to respond to the pandemic, equity must remain at the forefront of Brevard's short and long-term responses and supports.



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Facilities

- Extraneous furniture and clutter will continue to be removed from classrooms to allow for appropriate distancing
- Hallway traffic patterns will continue to be modified to minimize face-to-face interaction
- Plexi-glass barriers may still be utilized in offices, reception areas, and classrooms
- Water fountains will continue to be restricted to the filling of water bottles or cups
- Clinic spaces will continue to allow for the separation of students
- HVAC filter changes will continue to be prioritized. Air conditioning will be running before and after building occupancy for additional air circulation
- Schools should continue to prioritize seating arrangements that minimize close student contact however flexible seating should be used when it benefits instruction
- The custodial strike team will continue to operate to provide additional cleaning support as needed



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Daily Operations

- Cafeteria staff and custodians will continue their practice of amplified cleaning procedures and protocols
- Buses may be fully occupied however bus drivers will continue their practice in terms of cleaning, seating charts, and having hand-sanitizer available.
- Educational Technology will continue efforts to increase technology support to schools– hardware and software
- Schools should continue to support family engagement through virtual events and meetings in addition to carefully planned in-person events
- School cafeterias will continue to provide grab and go meal packages in addition to items on the serving lines
- Families are encouraged to use MealPayPlus.com for cashless meal transactions
- Locker rooms will be fully accessible and will be cleaned regularly. Whenever feasible, students should have an assigned locker



Professional Development

- Faculty and staff will continue to complete professional development on mitigation protocols via their orientation portal
- There will be ongoing professional development for blended learning instructional experiences
- There will be ongoing professional development for trauma-informed practices

Student Health

- There will be ongoing review of medically fragile students and the development of Individual Health Plans and procedures
- Parents will continue to be the first level of daily health checks. Parents are the most knowledgeable judge of their own child's health as COVID has an incubation period in which symptoms may not be evident. Schools will have touchless thermometers available at each site for a second screening, when appropriate



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Provisions

- Disposable adult and pediatric face masks will continue to be available for every school and bus
- PPE, hand sanitizer, and additional cleaning products will continue to be available in abundance

Academic Support

- All students will be progress-monitored 3 times a year in English/Language Arts and Math – students will be provided additional support as needed
- Schools will continue to receive funding for additional services to accelerate learning in programs offered beyond traditional school services
- Funding for summer school to include transportation will continue through the 2021 – 2022 school year
- Virtual access to curricular materials and instructional platforms will continue for students and staff



Student Activities*

- Visitors and volunteers may participate in structured school activities that are carefully planned by school leaders in consideration of student safety
- Principals may approve in-county field trips/activities/athletics in accordance with district policy
- L&L Directors may approve out-of-county field trips– principals must submit mitigation strategies. Scheduled out-of-county contests for routine athletics and activities may occur without L&L approval
- Out-of-state field trips/activities/athletics will continue to require board approval per district policy
- Principals should carefully consider mitigation strategies when approving and scheduling large group activities
- When feasible, schools should continue to hold high-risk events outdoors instead of indoors

**We will not maintain a separate Return to Activity Plan*

COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies **Update**

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Items still under consideration



- The process of contact tracing and quarantining of students as a result of contact tracing
- Educational services for quarantined students
- School clinic protocols regarding students displaying COVID-19 symptoms
- Case reporting and dashboard management
- The process for conducting mandatory drills for evacuation and other emergencies
- Guidelines for parent/guest visits



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Process of Contact Tracing & Quarantining of Students as a Result of Contact Tracing

- The CDC updated their contact tracing and [quarantining guidance](#)
- The Brevard Department of Health has reviewed the CDC's most recent guidance
- Brevard Public Schools will follow the Brevard Department of Health's recommendation which is to follow current CDC guidance for contact tracing and quarantining students and/or staff
- The Department of Health will evaluate the circumstances of each case and determine whether contact tracing needs to be done
 - ✓ Brevard Public Schools will conduct actual contract tracing within schools on behalf of the Department of Health when directed
- The Department of Health will determine quarantine periods based upon current CDC guidelines



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Educational Services for Quarantined Students

- Any parent of a child who is absent for any extended period of time should work closely with school administration and individual teachers
- All Brevard Public School teachers will be responsive to students who are absent. In some cases, a teacher may include some video connectivity, in other cases they may prepare paper/pencil lessons, and in others they may interact via digital portals like GoogleClassroom. A significant portion of our instructional materials are based on blended instruction
- If a student requires a device/online access during their absence; Brevard Public Schools may provide technology (device) to students based on availability and case by case circumstances. Additionally, BPS will continue working towards the goals outlined in the Technology Plan
- Children who are ill should prioritize their health and be assured that teachers and staff will work closely with families in the best interest of the child
- Case managers of students with extended absences will be closely monitoring services provided to students with either an IEP, 504 Plan, or ELL related services



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School Clinic Protocols Regarding Students Displaying COVID-19 Symptoms

- Per the Department of Health protocols, Brevard Public Schools' clinics will maintain all COVID mitigation strategies that were put in place during the 2020-21 school year

Case Reporting & Dashboard Management

- Contract tracing will continue like the 2020-21 school year. However, the Brevard Department of Health will be the school personnel's first and direct point of contact for reporting
- Brevard Public Schools will maintain the COVID Dashboard beginning the week of August 2, 2021 until further notice
 - ✓ Data used to create the dashboard will come from the DOH this year; last year it was available through work done at the district



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Process for Conducting Mandatory Drills for Evacuation & Other Emergencies

- Brevard Public Schools will conduct all mandatory drills for Shelter-in-Place, Lockdown, and Evacuation for the 2021-22 school year in accordance with the General Emergency Procedures and Active Assailant Response Plan

Guidelines for Parent/Guest Visits

- Brevard Public Schools will welcome registered volunteers for activities that are requested and planned by school staff
- Campuses will continue to remain secure for unscheduled visits
- School organized activities for visitors must comply with [Policy 8475](#)

Responsibilities of Parents and Legal Guardians

All parents and legal guardians should verify that their child's school has accurate information for parent and emergency contact

Parents and legal guardians are responsible to promptly pick up or properly arrange for the pick-up of a student sent home from the clinic

School and parent partnerships are critical to ensuring that all students are properly supported and that staff has the information they need to assist students

All parents and legal guardians should carefully select emergency contacts for their child and ensure that the contact information for him/her is accurate

All parents and legal guardians should provide complete and accurate medical information to the school

Any parents or legal guardians leaving their children in the care of someone else for a short-term reason such as work or family emergency, should complete a loco-parentis form prior to leaving the child in the care of others

All medications must be brought, in the original container, directly to the clinic by the parent or legal guardian