

COVID-19 PREVENTION

SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR



MASKS/PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)



- Employees and students will not be required to wear a mask but are strongly encouraged to do so if not fully vaccinated. Employees and students who are fully vaccinated may wear a mask if they prefer to do so.
- Faculty & staff will be issued masks and/or PPE
- Masks are required for bus drivers while transporting students
- Masks are required for students riding school buses (only exceptions will be for documented underlying conditions).

WELLNESS & HYGIENE



Wash your
hands please

- Students & employees must stay home if they have COVID-19 symptoms, tested positive, or had prolonged close contact with a person with COVID-19.
- Students, faculty and staff will have access to personal wipes, hand sanitizers, masks, and gloves.
- School nurses are available at each school.
- Signage throughout facilities regarding healthy hygiene that encourages frequent hand washing, utilizing hand sanitizers, and proper healthy hygiene etiquette
- Regular breaks to wash hands with soap for 20 seconds or using hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol throughout the school day
- Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the schools
- Continue restricted use of water fountains/encourage use of water bottles
- Sharing of books, materials, supplies, or equipment will be limited

BUS SAFETY



- Masks are required for bus drivers while transporting students.
- Masks are required for students riding school buses (only exceptions will be for a documented underlying condition).
- Foggers and/or electrostatic sprayers will be used to disinfect buses after every route routinely.
- Hand sanitizer and paper towels will be readily available to students on the bus.
- Students will load from the back to the front & unload from the front to the back with assigned seats.

ENHANCED FACILITY CLEANING



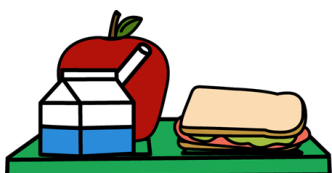
- Improved routine cleaning and disinfecting of facilities by custodians
- Disinfecting wipes will be provided to teachers and office staff to use on high "touch points" throughout the day.
- High traffic areas and "touch points" will be continually sanitized with daily cleaning of all occupied areas.
- Custodians adhere to CDC guidelines on cleaning and using EPA approved chemicals to fight the spread of COVID-19
- Response protocols in place for facilities impacted by COVID-19
- Ventilation systems will be monitored for proper operation.

SCHOOL LOGISTICS



- Visitors will have limited access; visitors "may" be limited based upon the uniqueness of the event and/or the size of the facility/area. Visitors will be required to wear a mask.
- Desks and seating areas will be arranged in classrooms to maximize 3 feet of physical distance to the greatest extent possible.
- Physical barriers will be made available to staff upon request and may be utilized at their discretion.
- Physical partitions placed in select locations in school buildings to protect against the spread of the virus
- Arrival and dismissal procedures will be updated as needed.

STUDENT MEALS



- Students participate in hand washing before and after meal service
- Meals will be eaten in the cafeteria.
- 3 feet of physical distance guidelines will be in place during mealtime to the greatest extent possible.
- Cafeterias and "high touch" surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day.

The Baldwin County School District will continue to work closely with the Department of Public Health, local emergency management, and other local officials for a safe return to in-person instruction. If a student and/or staff member is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, health department guidelines will be followed.