



Bethel Public Schools

Return to Learn Plan 2021-22

Learning Options

- BPS is offering in-person learning (PreK-12) & Virtual School at Bethel High School (on a case-by-case basis)
- * School sites within the District will remain open for in-person instruction unless COVID-19 case numbers within the District necessitate a transition to temporary distance learning.

Masks

- Oklahoma Senate Bill 658, effective July 1st, 2021, restricts the mandatory enforcement of masks in schools unless a state of emergency is declared by the Governor, consultation with the health department, and school board consideration.
- Masks will be optional for students, employees, and visitors on BPS property.
- State and local health departments and the CDC recommend wearing masks indoors.
- Masks will be available for individuals who wish to wear one.

Contact tracing and quarantine

- Parents will be notified if their child is within three (3) feet of a person who tests positive for COVID-19.
- Students who come into close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual will be required to quarantine. Students who have been fully vaccinated or have had COVID-19 in the last 90 days with documentation provided will not have to quarantine.
- BPS will track positive COVID-19 cases among students and staff.
- Students or employees who test positive for COVID-19 should stay home for ten (10) days. If symptoms persist, the person may need to stay home longer.

Athletics and Activities

- All school-sponsored activities and athletic teams will continue to adhere to guidelines put in place by the District.

Parents and Visitors

- Parents and visitors will be allowed in building lobbies or main offices for scheduled appointments.
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Meals

- Students will eat in the cafeteria and resume normal lunches.
- Breakfast and lunch are free to all students for the 2021-22 school year.

Transportation

- Buses will run as normal during times of in-person learning, and all BPS buses will have extra masks and hand sanitizer on board.
- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected after morning routes and again when afternoon routes are completed.

Strategies to reduce risk of exposure

- Social distancing is encouraged to the extent possible in common areas such as cafeterias, hallways, gymnasiums, etc.
- Students will be reminded to wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds prior to eating, and especially after sneezing, coughing, and blowing their nose.
- Consistent and correct usage of masks are encouraged but not required.

Vaccinations

- Oklahoma Senate Bill 658, effective July 1st, 2021, restricts school districts from requiring a COVID-19 vaccine for students.
- State and local health departments and the CDC recommend COVID-19 vaccines for those eligible.

Monitor for symptoms

- Parents/guardians are expected to screen their child for COVID-19 Symptoms each day prior to sending their student to school.
- Students and staff should stay home if experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness.

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