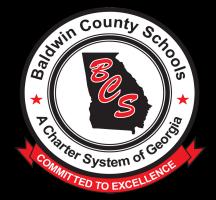
## **COVID-19 PREVENTION**

# SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR



#### MASKS/PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)



- Employees and students are required to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.
- 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**



- 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**

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- 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.
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- Students will load from the back to the front & unload from the front to the back with assigned seats.

### ENHANCED FACILITY CLEANING



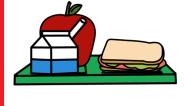
- Improved routine cleaning and disinfecting of facilities by custodians
- Disinfecting wipes will be provided to teachers and office staff to use on high "touch points" throughout the day.
- High traffic areas and "touch points" will be continually sanitized with daily cleaning of all occupied areas.
- 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.
- Masks will not be required for outdoor activities.

#### 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.
- Masks will not be required during breakfast/lunch.

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.