

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Team BCPS families,

I send you warm greetings as we prepare for a phased-in reopening of school buildings. You chose hybrid learning for your child. We look forward to welcoming your child back for two days of in-person learning each week. Cohort assignments have already been communicated so if you are unaware if your child is Cohort A or B, please call the school for clarification.

Cohort Overview

- Cohort A: At school on Monday and Tuesday / Virtual on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
- Cohort B: At school on Thursday and Friday / Virtual on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
- Cohort C: All virtual learning

On Their First Day at School, Please Have Your Child Bring

- Signed Daily Screening Form with Emergency Contacts
 - Included in this packet /also send with your child on first school day each month

Each Day at School, Please Have Your Child Bring

- Device and charger
- Face covering-must be a cloth or manufactured mask which fits against the face and covers both the mouth and nose

More Info to Come

- Bus transportation information

Our Support to You

On the back of this letter, learn how BCPS is protecting students and staff, with guidance from the Baltimore County Health Department. We each have a role to play. Check www.bcps.org for updates.

Sincerely,

Darryl L. Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent

(If you need support understanding any of the school documents, please call 443.809.6752 or join our Google Meet office hours between 12 – 1 p.m. any day Monday to Friday, or between 6 – 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. The Google Meet meeting code is ESOLFamilySupport.)



COVID-19 Information

Office of Health Services 443-809-6368

[How BCPS is Protecting Students and Staff](#)

For more information, see our Reopening Plan at www.bcps.org

School Nurse / BCPS Health Services

- Registered Nurse in each school trained in recognizing and responding to symptoms of COVID-19
- Contact tracing for students/staff with COVID-19 in cooperation with Baltimore County Health Department
- Designated isolation area for persons with COVID-19 symptoms who are awaiting pick-up

Daily Check for Symptoms

- All employees and parents/students expected to monitor themselves daily for symptoms of COVID-19
- Stay home if not feeling well (per current Health Department guidelines)
- Staff or students with positive test or symptoms of COVID-19 excluded from school

Healthy Behaviors

- Appropriate face coverings must be worn by staff and students (unless developmentally/physically unable)
- Providing job appropriate PPE for all staff including face shields for classroom staff
- Handwashing reminders and lessons provided
- Supply of soap & paper towels enhanced, and hand sanitizer stations in school lobby and outside cafeteria
- Students and staff encouraged to maintain safe distance from each other to the extent possible
- Signage used to remind students and staff of health behaviors

Changing How We Teach

- Alternative scheduling and use of virtual learning to reduce class size and promote social distancing in the classrooms/buses
- Maintaining the same student groups whenever possible
- Eliminating or modifying higher risk activities, such as singing indoors
- Encouraging outdoor activities when possible
- Ongoing virtual option for families

Bus Safety

- Increased ventilation on buses by opening roof vents and windows whenever possible
- No shared seats unless from same household
- Buses to load from back to front to minimize contact between students

Building Safety

- Use of disinfectants that kill COVID-19
- Daily cleaning of schools and offices; high-touch surfaces will also be cleaned mid-day
- Disinfecting areas used by person with COVID-19 infection per CDC guidelines
- Ventilation systems configured to provide maximum air exchange

Education

- All BCPS employees required to complete a training module on COVID-19
- Age-appropriate information given to students to promote healthy behaviors
- More information for staff and students at www.bcps.org

11/2020 - *Subject to change as guidance, recommendations and school reopening plans are updated.*