

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Building Blocks Learning Center

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These summary tables provide our school population with an overview of BBLC’s Health and Safety Plan. It will be posted to our school’s website. This plan is a working document, and subject to change at any time during the school year, depending on the evolving health status of our area and any future guidance from national, state, and local health officials. The below plan has been crafted by following the most updated guidance from a combination of various sources including the Bucks County Health Department, the CDC, the AAP, the PA Department of Education, the PA Department of Health, and CHOP PolicyLab.

Masking Requirements	
Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
* Use of face masks	<p>*As of March 7, 2022 (Hilltown)/March 14, 2022 (Doylestown) AND as long as Bucks County remains in the “Medium” or “Low” Covid-19 Community Level as determined by the CDC, masks for students/staff/visitors will be optional.</p> <p>*If Bucks County enters the “High” Community Level, as determined by the CDC, masks for students/staff/visitors will be required. An accepted face mask is made of multiple layers, has ear loops, and fits snugly over the nose and mouth. Gaiters/masks with valves/face shields are not acceptable. Face masks must be accompanied by an attached lanyard (provided by BBLC). Families are urged to upgrade cloth masks to multiple-ply disposable surgical masks or KN95/KF94 masks.</p>

Facilities: Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting and Ventilation

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* Cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilating	<p>*We use CDC/EPA-approved cleaners (whenever possible) and have an ample amount of supplies. We will be utilizing a pump pressure sprayer to disinfect large areas regularly.</p> <p>*School bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily.</p> <p>*Toys and learning materials are cleaned and disinfected daily.</p> <p>*Tables are cleaned and disinfected multiple times a day, including before/after snack and before/after lunch.</p> <p>*Classroom windows are opened to circulate fresh air. Whenever possible, windows will remain open after students have vacated the space to further “air out” classrooms.</p>

Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

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* Social distancing	<p>*We will encourage the concept of “personal space” when children are seated together for group lessons.</p> <p>*Socialization with peers using conversation, problem solving, compromise, sharing, and negotiation is an integral part of our age-appropriate curriculum. Children may play and interact with one another in closer proximity. We may choose to limit the number of students playing/working in one area.</p> <p>*Furniture will be on sliders to allow for easy space-making whenever necessary.</p>

	<p>*Staff will physically interact with students in closer proximity, reflecting sensitivity to the unique needs of our young students.</p> <p>*Throughout the regular school day, our classes meet with the same teachers and the same students in their dedicated classrooms (cohorting). In Doylestown, any add-on programs, like Lunch Bunch or Fun Frolics, may bring together children from several classes. Every attempt will be made to sit children from the same class at the same lunch tables.</p> <p>*While eating (snack or lunch), students will be seated with at least three feet of social distance, to the maximum extent possible.</p>
<p>*Snacks/lunch/show-n-tell/birthday and holiday treats</p>	<p>*Staff will wear gloves and set snack for each child individually, not buffet- or family-style, within the classroom space. We utilize disposable napkins and cups.</p> <p>*Edible birthday/holiday treats for classmates (to be consumed in school) will be permitted, only if the items are store-bought (and do not contain colored frosting) and in the original, unopened package; nothing homemade. Non-edible take home treats (like pencils or stickers) will be allowed.</p> <p>*Our Lunch Bunch program (and add-on programs in Doylestown) will run on designated days, allowing children to extend their time at school. Lunch Bunch and Add-on classes may be suspended for a length of time, at the discretion of the Director.</p> <p>*Show-n-Tell items from home will be permitted, as long as they are clean and can completely fit inside of the zippered bags provided by BBLC.</p>
<p>* Hand Hygiene</p>	<p>* With direct supervision, children will clean hands multiple times a day (including at arrival, after toileting, before/after eating, and after recess) with a combination of hand sanitizer</p>

	<p>and soap/water. Parents will be responsible to clean children's hands after dismissal from the school.</p> <p>*Children are encouraged to not touch their eyes, noses, and mouths.</p> <p>*At BBLC, it is our practice to have children blow/wipe their noses independently, with tissues. Staff follows up with hand sanitizer. Wiping noses with bare hands or clothing does not help to mitigate germ spread.</p>
<p>*School Visitors</p>	<p>*Planned visitors will be permitted into classrooms/school space during school hours. Visitors who are experiencing symptoms of any sickness will not be granted entrance.</p> <p>*Outside support personnel (IU or otherwise) need to notify the school in advance of their intended schedules.</p>
<p>*Parents' Responsibilities at Home</p>	<p>*Screening must start at home each school morning. Parents should fully evaluate their children for symptoms of any infectious disease or COVID-like symptoms before leaving for school. Fever-reducing medications should not be given before school.</p> <p>*Parents are encouraged to clean items being brought to and from school (like masks, backpacks, lunch boxes, and coats) on a very regular basis. Choose items which can be laundered/disinfected easily.</p> <p>*Understanding that contributing to the safety of our school population reaches far beyond our building, families are asked to be an integral part of our school's safety plan. Households are asked to remain COVID-aware and knowledgeable about COVID safety and changing national, state, and local guidance.</p>

Monitoring Student Health

Requirement(s)

* Symptoms of illness

Strategies, Policies and Procedures

*Parents are asked to alert the director beforehand of any student's symptoms. The director will discuss how to proceed. Please do not bring an ill child to the arrival door.

*Sick children should be kept home. Children who are demonstrating symptoms of illness including **fever, shortness of breath, overall fatigue, chills, or gastrointestinal issues** are not permitted to attend school.

*Children need to be a full 24-hours fever-, vomit-, and diarrhea-free before returning to school.

*If a child is displaying any Covid-like symptoms **including runny nose/congestion, sore throat, cough, chills, fever, headache, gastrointestinal issues, body aches, fatigue, loss of taste/smell**, the child must be absent for 5 days from symptom onset (which is day zero) UNLESS a negative COVID test result OR clearance from a doctor is obtained and shared with the school. *Individuals who are cleared for school but still experiencing cold symptoms must be able to cover coughs/sneezes with the insides of their elbows. If this respiratory etiquette is not secure, a mask is required and will be provided, if needed.*

*The director is to be made aware of any child who experiences cough/runny nose due to seasonal allergies. Medical documentation may need to be provided.

*The school director reserves the right to deny attendance or send home any person who is deemed not healthy enough to attend school. Pick-up should take place within 15 minutes. If a child is uncomfortable or cannot safely manage cold symptoms

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(i.e., wiping a runny nose on clothing), s/he will be sent home, even if a negative Covid test/doctor's clearance is supplied.

*** Positive COVID result of student/staff or household family member**

AND

***Returning from isolation or quarantine**

***If a student/staff tests positive for COVID:**

*The school is to immediately be made aware of any student/staff member testing/presumed positive for COVID. The student/staff member's class will be notified, while keeping names confidential. The positive individual may return to school after at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset (or positive swab taken, if asymptomatic), which is counted as day zero, AND symptoms have greatly improved AND 24 hours have passed without fever (without fever-reducing medications). The positive individual will be required to wear a mask at all times (except for eating and drinking) for an additional 5 days.

If the positive individual was present at school less than 48 hours before the symptoms began (or positive specimen collected), all completely asymptomatic classmates may still attend class, and will wear masks at all times, except for eating and drinking, for 7 days from the most recent exposure. If symptoms develop, the affected individual needs to remain out of school and follow "symptoms of illness" protocols.

***If a student/staff member has had ongoing exposure to a positive individual (ex: household member),** the school is to immediately be made aware. If strict isolation of the positive individual IS NOT possible, the student is to remain out of school for 5 days from symptom onset (or positive test result) of the positive household individual PLUS 5 days for student quarantine, unless otherwise directed by a health official. The student may return, if asymptomatic, at that time (after 10 total

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days). A negative test result is required to return. If complete isolation of the positive individual IS possible, the student may return, asymptomatic, after 5 days from last exposure to the positive individual, which counts as day zero. A negative test result is required to return. The student will be required to wear a mask, even outdoors, for an additional 5 days.

***If a student/staff member who is up-to-date on Covid vaccines has ongoing exposure to a positive individual (ex: household member), AND practices strict masking while in the house during the entire isolation period of the positive individual, then the vaccinated student/staff member may continue to attend school, if asymptomatic. A test is to be taken 5 days after the first exposure to the positive individual and again 5 days after the end of isolation of the positive individual. The student/staff member will wear a mask at school for 10 days after the infected person's isolation period ends.**

***If an unvaccinated student has had a one-time close contact (less than 6 feet, for more than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period) with a positive individual outside of the school setting, the student may return, asymptomatic, after 5 days. A negative test result is required to return. The student will be required to wear a mask, even outdoors, for an additional 5 days, and will be seated with distance from classmates during snack/lunch times. This, of course, will be done with sensitivity. Vaccinated students who have had a one-time close contact may continue to attend school, if asymptomatic, and will wear masks at all times (except for eating and drinking) for the next 10 days. If symptoms develop during that**

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****Families who travel****

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time, a test should be administered, and our protocols for “Symptoms of Illness” are to be followed.

*Individuals (students and staff) who have tested positive in the last 90 days and recovered are exempt from close contact quarantine.

*** Transparency and quick/timely action and cooperation from our school population are vital to keep our students, staff, and families healthy and safe. We ask that our school families are forthcoming with COVID-related information.**

*Although there are currently no official travel restrictions, BBLC does strongly request that families who travel (by plane, train, etc.) keep children out of school a day or two upon return from their trip, to closely monitor health status. Families are also encouraged to take COVID precautions while in transit and while gathering with large groups of individuals.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

Building Blocks Learning Center, Inc. has reviewed and approved this Health and Safety Plan on. This plan is subject to change, based on the evolving health status of our area and continued information on best and safest practices. Changes will be made upon recommendation of the school Pandemic Team, in following guidance from local, state, and federal health officials, and will promptly be communicated to the school community. Performing all listed precautionary procedures, of course, does not remove the risk of infection entirely. It is our aim, with this vast combination of safety measures, to minimize the risk of COVID infection to the extent reasonably possible.

Parents of BBLC students will receive this document electronically and are asked to make themselves familiar with the plan. By enrolling their child(ren) at BBLC for the 2021-2022 school year, parents acknowledge, accept, and agree to the outlined safety strategies/policies/procedures and understand that risk of an infectious disease cannot be completely removed in a public setting, such as a school.

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