

# COVID 19 Safety and Sanitation Protocols at Bdote Learning Center

## Part of the Safe Return to Learning Plan for Bdote Learning Center 2021-22

### Masking

- All persons over the age of 2 years of age are required to wear a mask when they are in any building that is owned, leased, or operated by or on behalf of Bdote Learning Center regardless of vaccination status, unless an exemption is provided.
- All persons will wear a mask when on Bdote Transportation.

### Physical Distancing

- All staff and students will physically distance when feasible and does not limit instruction.
- Provide frequent reminders for students and staff to stay at least 3 feet apart from one another when feasible.
  - Strive to create as much space between people as possible during the day, recognizing that it is not always feasible to have 3 feet of social distancing during primary instructional time in the classroom.
- Arranging classroom seating so that students are separated from one another by 3 feet. If it is not possible to arrange seating this way, consider turning all desks to face in the same direction (rather than facing each other).
- Develop and keep students and staff in small cohort groups that stay together as much as possible throughout the day and from day to day.
- Limit mixing between cohort groups as much as possible (e.g., during lunch, in the cafeteria, bathroom breaks, arrival and dismissal, free periods, recess, etc.).
- Keeping detailed records when groups are exposed to each other during the day to facilitate contact tracing (if needed). Assigned seating in lunchroom and classrooms is required.

### Hygiene and Healthy Behaviors

- Wash hands often throughout the day with soap and water.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Bdote staff will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and/or shared items and limit shared items.
- Shared items or furniture will be cleaned in between cohorts.
- Students who are ill must stay home if Covid symptoms are present.
- Staff who are ill must stay home if Covid symptoms are present.

- Anyone who has interacted with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 must stay home and contact the school office.
- Anyone who has COVID-like symptoms and is awaiting test results must stay home, along with all household members.
- Stay home if fever (100°F or higher) or other symptoms of COVID-19 are present
  - Additional symptoms of COVID-19 include:
    - New onset cough or a cough that gets worse
    - Difficulty/hard time breathing
    - New loss of taste or smell
  - OR at least 2 of the following:
    - chills
    - muscle pain
    - sore throat
    - extreme fatigue/feeling very tired
    - new severe/very bad headache
    - new nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose
    - gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea
- Cover coughs and sneezes

### **Morning Arrival**

- To minimize outside exposure, parents/guardians should have one person only enter the school for pick-up and drop off.
- Bdot staff will work to minimize interaction of students between drop-off and entrance to school facilities, promoting 3 feet of physical distancing as much as possible.
- Bdot staff will encourage social distancing in hallways and common areas.
- Students will be encouraged to wash hands before meals.

### **Maintaining a Safe Environment**

- BLC will provide appropriate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (such as soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, disinfectant wipes, tissues).
- BLC teachers will discourage sharing of items that are difficult to clean or disinfect.
- BLC students and teachers will work to separate student's belongings from others' (in individually labeled containers, cubbies, lockers, etc.).
  - BLC will provide adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible (e.g., assigning each student their own art supplies, equipment).
- BLC staff will ask students to avoid sharing high touch items, such as electronic devices. • Students should not share food or beverages. Each student should bring their own water bottle. Water-filling stations are available.
- BLC staff will reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol by staff and older students.

•BLCstaff will reinforce hand washing during key times, such as: o arrival and dismissal o before, during, and after preparing or eating food o after using the bathroom o after blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing o after touching objects with bare hands that have been handled by other people