

# 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.
- Bdote 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.
- •Bdote 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.
- •BLCstaff 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