

**Baconton Community Charter School
Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response Plan
(Covid-19)
2020-2021**

In February, 2020, the U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention released a statement advising communities to prepare for a domestic outbreak of Covid-19. By March 13, 2020, we were closing our school for what we were hoping was a short amount of time. As you know, we did not return to our campus for the remainder of the school year.

As we look forward to the upcoming school year, we have implemented a new preparedness and response plan to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, employees, and all families of BCCS.

- **Definitions-**
 - Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – a major operating component of the United States Department of Health and Human Services with responsibilities at the national level for monitoring health, detecting and investigating health problems.
 - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)-Federal legislation applicable to all educational institutions receiving Federal Funds that protects the privacy of students' personally identifiable information.
 - Infectious Disease-an illness due to an infectious agent, or its toxic products, which is transmitted directly or indirectly to a person from an infected person or animal.
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)-any type of face mask, glove, or clothing that acts as a barrier between infectious materials and the skin, mouth, nose, or eyes.

- **Staff Education-**
 - All staff will receive updated training on Covid-19 and other health related issues that can affect students, staff, and the school environment.
 - This training will be given by the school nurse with support from the local and state health officials.

- **Personal Protective Equipment-**
 - Students or staff who do not have PPE may be provided a mask on campus.
 - The school nurse will provide training for the proper use of PPE.

- **Facilities-**
 - Additional classrooms have been added to reduce class size and allow spacing of students within classrooms.
 - Lunch schedules have been altered to reduce the amount of students in the cafeteria at one time.
 - Outdoor tables have been added to allow more students to eat or have class outside.
 - No large assemblies will be held.
 - Morning care and aftercare schedules have been altered during the pandemic.
 - Hallways will be marked to direct traffic and prevent close contact of others.

- Markers will be placed throughout the building to remind everyone of social distancing measures.
 - Lockers will not be used during the pandemic.
 - Water fountains will be turned off.
 - Sanitizing stations are placed throughout each building on campus.
 - All students and staff are encouraged to wear a mask on campus.
 - All students are picked up in the car pick-up line.
 - There will be no walk up's to pick up children during the pandemic.
 - There will be no visitors on campus during the pandemic.
 - Posters will be placed throughout the campus reminding students and staff of proper hand-washing techniques and how to properly cover one's cough or sneeze.
 - Our buildings will be cleaned and disinfected daily using products approved by the CDC.
 - The cleaning staff will be wearing PPE to prevent the spread of disease on campus.
- **Academic Calendar-**
 - School will begin remotely on August 24, 2020. (temporary)
 - Face-to-face instruction will begin Tuesday, September 8, 2020, for those who can return to campus. (temporary)
 - The school may have to adjust the calendar depending on community spread.
 - After care and morning care will be altered during the pandemic.
 - All stakeholders will be informed immediately through the BCCS school communication system if more calendar changes are needed.
- **Responding to Confirmed Cases of Covid-19 or other infectious diseases-**
 - We are asking that parents please do not send your child to school if running a fever or showing signs of infection.
 - If a student is running a temperature or showing signs of infection at school, the student will be immediately taken to the nurse's station.
 - When removing a student from class, the nurse will take all precaution to prevent the spread of disease.
 - If the student is not wearing a mask, one will be given to wear immediately.
 - The nurse will contact the parents to come pick up the student.
 - Any ill student will be isolated in the nurse's station until parents arrive.
 - The school nurse will contact the health department to report any confirmed Covid-19 case.
 - The school nurse will inform the Superintendent and administrators of any confirmed Covid-19 case.
 - The Superintendent and administrators will initiate the school communication system to inform parents and stakeholders of a confirmed Covid-19 case on campus.
 - Students and staff who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 or any other infectious disease will be sent home to quarantine for the amount of days recommended by the local health department, the GaDPH, and the CDC.
 - Counseling and resources will be provided for all students and staff members who become infected.

- Medical information about a student will only be disclosed with consent of the parent or guardian (or student who is 18 years old) or as otherwise permitted by FERPA.
 - Medical information about an employee will only be disclosed with the consent of the employee or when otherwise determined to be necessary and in accordance with state and federal law.
 - Operational decisions related to employees or students infected with communicable diseases shall be made in conjunction with the school nurse, state and/or local public health agency representatives, health care professionals, and school system administrators.
- **Instructional Delivery Model-**
 - All students will participate in remote learning two weeks of school.
 - Google Classroom will be used for students and teachers to access assignments and instructions.
 - Classrooms will be live streamed and recorded using Google Meet.
 - All teachers will be live streaming from our BCCS campus. Each staff member is expected to report to campus during normal working hours.
 - Students will be given a schedule to follow each nine weeks.
 - Students are expected to login to each classroom on time each day.
 - Remote learning will continue for those who have enrolled in remote learning during the pandemic.
 - Face-to-face students will return to campus Tuesday, September 8, 2020.
 - Parents who need a device or hot spot for their child at home may email request an application by emailing mhuber@bccsblazers.org.
 - All students will participate in remote learning if a school-wide closure is necessary.
- **Bus Transportation-**
 - Buses will not be used for bringing students to and from school during the 2020-21 school year.
 - If students are transported on the bus for sports or physical education, students will be spaced throughout the bus, masks will be required, and buses will be disinfected daily.
- **Food Service-**
 - Our BCCS food service team is trained by our local health department in food safety and the prevention of disease spread.
 - All lunchroom staff are certified Food Safety Managers.
 - All lunchroom staff will be wearing the appropriate protective covering to prevent contamination.
 - Limited numbers of students will be allowed in the cafeteria at one time to prevent the spread of disease.
 - Students may bring readymade lunches from home.
 - Microwaves will not be available for student use during pandemic.
 - Outdoor tables will be provided.
 - Disposable paper products will be used.

- **Attendance-**

- All students will be expected to attend school each day.
- Remote learners will login to each class daily and attendance will be taken in Google Classroom.
- Students who are absent will need to submit a doctor's excuse to our BCCS main office.
- Students who are asked to quarantine at home do not need to submit an excuse.

- **Parent/Family Resources-**

- <https://dph.georgia.gov/health-topics/coronavirus-covid-19>
- <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-individuals-and-families>
- <https://www.nctsn.org/resources/parent-caregiver-guide-to-helping-families-cope-with-the-coronavirus-disease-2019>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>