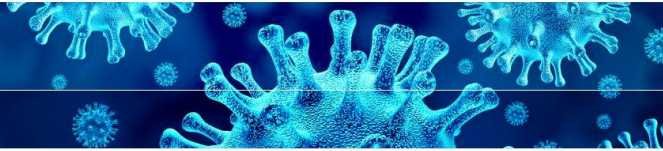




COVID-19 Information

Office of Health Services 443-809-6368



How BCPS is Protecting Students and Staff

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 classroom and on 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 may be found on the [BCPS Covid 19 webpage](#)

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