

CHARLES A. BEARD MEMORIAL SCHOOLS

2021 -- Return to In-Person Instruction Plan

PANTHER FAMILIES

We are incredibly excited to start the 2021-2022 school year. It is our hope to return to a sense of normalcy in our day-to-day practices and procedures, but we will not let our guard down when it comes to safeguarding against COVID-19. As you will read in the following plan, many of the restrictions that were in place last year have been lifted to start the school year. We will work closely with our local and state health departments to monitor statistics related to the spread of COVID-19 and adjust our practices as needed.



INTRODUCTION

Charles A. Beard Memorial Schools shall be subject to all appropriate rules and regulations of the State of Indiana, the Department of Education, State and local health departments, and any Executive Orders signed by the Governor. In addition, all stakeholders within the Corporation are subject to such rules and procedures.

INSTRUCTION

We will offer in-person instruction on a traditional Monday – Friday schedule for all students. We will also offer virtual options for those students who are not able to return to school in person. *If you feel that your student is in need of the virtual option, simply contact your school through email or phone.*

ACCOMMODATIONS

SOCIAL DISTANCING

All efforts will be made to ensure social distancing practices when it is not detrimental to the learning process. Teachers will determine classroom layouts and procedures.

MASKS

Masks are optional in all settings unless otherwise required by law. We will provide masks for staff and students upon request.

VACCINATIONS

It is the belief of CAB Schools that the decision to receive a COVID-19 vaccination is only to be made by individuals and their families. If you need access to COVID-19 vaccinations, please contact your child's school.

CONTACT TRACING AND QUARANTINE

CABMSC will follow IDOH guidelines on the definition of close contacts. Unvaccinated individuals identified as close contacts are required to test and quarantine per CDC and IDOH guidelines.

*“The road to freedom –here and everywhere on earth-
begins in the classroom.” – Hubert Humphrey*

TRANSPORTATION

Currently, the wearing of masks on buses is required by federal law. Masks will be available on all CAB buses. Balancing of routes will be a continual process to ensure the lowest occupancy possible on buses.

HEALTH PROTOCOLS

If your child is presenting symptoms of COVID-19 or other illness, it is imperative that you not send them to school. Self-screening will need to be conducted at home prior to arriving at schools.

Our medical staff will strictly implement the guidelines provided by our health departments and the CDC.

State statute gives public school districts the authority to exclude students who have a contagious disease such as COVID-19 or are liable to transmit it after exposure (IC 20-34-3-9). In addition, the local health department has the authority to exclude students from school and may order students and others to isolate or quarantine (IC 16-41-9-1.6).

SYMPTOMS IMPACTING POTENTIAL EXCLUSION

Students and employees should self-evaluate for the following COVID-19-related symptoms:

- A fever of 100.4° F or greater
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell



COMMON SENSE WITH COVID-19

CLEANING

All CAB schools have been stocked with EPA approved disinfectant and cleaning materials. Cleaning and disinfecting will be a continual process throughout each student day. Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms and common areas. Frequent hand washing will be mandated by all.

VISITORS

We will continue to limit visitors to our schools for non-essential purposes. Any visitors will need to receive permission at the school's front office to enter any student areas.

SELF-QUARANTINE

Everyone plays a key role in assuring student and staff safety in the face of COVID-19. Please let us know if your medical provider has recommended self-quarantine. When staff and students do not feel well, it is imperative that they stay home.

