



# BROWNSTOWN CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

**2021 - 2022 REVISED COVID-19 REOPENING PLAN  
REVISED ON 7/28/2021- SUBJECT TO REVISION.**

## RESPONSE



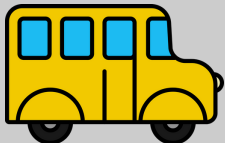
- Follow the guidance and maintain communication with Jackson County Health Department.
- Participate in contact tracing efforts as directed by local health officials.
- Post signage in classrooms, hallways, and entrances to communicate on how to stop the spread, COVID-19 symptoms, preventative measures, good hygiene, and school/district specific protocols.
- Consider ways to accommodate needs of children, teachers/staff, and families at higher risk for severe illness.

## PRACTICING PREVENTION



- **STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK**
- Students and staff will self-monitor temperature and symptoms daily.
- Teach and reinforce good hygiene measures such as hand washing, covering coughs, and face coverings.
- Hand soap and/or hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol will be provided in all bathrooms, classrooms, and high traffic areas.
- Clean/disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least daily and shared objects after each use.
- Face masks/face shields are highly recommended, but not required at this time.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottles. Bottle fill stations will be available.
- Ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, as long as this does not pose a safety or health risk to students or staff.
- Conduct deep cleaning of schools prior to students/staff returning. Classrooms and all high-touched areas will be cleaned and disinfected daily with CDC recommended cleaners and equipment.
- Perfect Attendance Awards are suspended for 2021-2022 school year.

## TRANSPORTATION



- Social distancing as allowable. Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected by drivers daily.
- Students will sit in assigned seats.
- Face masks/Face shields are required for students and drivers as mandated by the CDC.
- Buses will be aired out when not in use.
- Follow protocol for bus stops, loading/unloading students to minimize congregation of children.

## ENTERING SCHOOL BUILDINGS



- Face masks/ face shields are highly recommended, but not required at this time.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided for students and staff.
- Some procedures will be building-specific.

## FOOD SERVICE



- Implement standard operating procedures.
- Class schedules may be adjusted to provide time for students to wash hands before and after meals.
- Hand sanitizer provided for students/staff.
- Social distancing as allowable.
- Cleaning of cafeterias and high-touch surfaces throughout the school day.
- Hand sanitizer immediately following lunch number input.

## TEACHING AND LEARNING



- Implement standard operating procedures.
- Social distancing will be maintained as allowable.
- Keep each child's belongings separated.
- Ensure adequate supplies to minimize shared-use of high-touch items OR limit use by one group at a time and clean/disinfect between use.
- Avoid immediate contact (hand shaking, hugs, etc.).
- Use assigned seating.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided for students and staff.
- Disinfectant will be available in all classrooms and in high traffic areas for wiping down desks and shared items.
- Face masks/face shields are highly recommended, but not required at this time.
- Classes may utilize larger areas when possible. (Example includes outdoors when weather permits).

## PROTECTING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS



- Implement standard operating procedures.
- Identify local COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites. COVID-19 HOTLINE: (812) 524-4266
- Hand sanitizer provided for students and staff.
- Vulnerable students and staff allowed to wear PPE throughout the school day (to the extent practicable).

## WHEN A CHILD OR STAFF MEMBER BECOMES SICK AT SCHOOL



- Anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be given a mask to put on immediately.
- Anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms during school will be placed in a COVID Isolation Area. Teachers should notify the office immediately.
- School nurses will use Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions when caring for sick people.
- Notify affected parties immediately of a possible case, while maintaining confidentiality consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable federal and state privacy laws.
- Clean or disinfect areas or rooms used by a COVID-19 sick person.
- Sick staff members and children will be excluded until they have met Indiana State Department of Health criteria to discontinue home isolation, **UNLESS FULLY VACCINATED.**
- The health department will assist school officials to provide guidance on next steps, i.e. informing those who have had close contact to a person diagnosed with COVID-19, determining operations status, etc.

## HEALTH CLINIC



- COVID-19 Symptomatic
  - Each school will designate a COVID isolation area separate from the health clinic where students/employees who are feeling ill are evaluated or wait for pick-up.
  - All waiting students/staff will be required to wear a face covering.
  - ONLY essential staff will be allowed in the room. This includes the school nurse or designee. Appropriate PPE must be worn.
  - A record of who enters the room will be kept. The room will be disinfected frequently.
  - Strict social distancing will be required.
  - Students being picked up by parents/guardians will meet parents outside the main office.
- Non-COVID Related Illness
  - Students who do not display symptoms of COVID-19 can be seen and treated in the nurse's clinic. This includes:
    - Student injuries
    - Special health needs for chronic health conditions
    - Medical treatments
    - Medication
    - Other as designated in the individual health plans

## SCHOOL EXCLUSION



- 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). DOES NOT APPLY IF FULLY VACCINATED
- Students and employees should remain home if they have been in close contact with someone in the household that has COVID-19 symptoms or that is being tested for COVID-19.
- Surveillance Testing: Students or staff who live in a household with individuals who are required to regularly test for COVID-19 as a result of employment (surveillance testing) are not required to isolate or quarantine.
- Monitoring of Student/Staff Attendance
- Daily health reports will be sent to the Superintendent. The report will track:
  - Reasons for student and staff absence
- Immediately report any positive cases of COVID-19 (one or more) to the Superintendent and local health department.
- Symptoms Impacting Consideration for Exclusion from School
- Students and employees should be trained to recognize 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
  - Diarrhea
  - Nausea
- Students and staff who are called in sick will be asked if they are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19.
- Students and employees will be excluded from school if they test positive for COVID-19 have a temperature of 100.4° F or greater, or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 included in the list above. Return to school will be determined using guidance from the Indiana State Department of Health, found on the COVID-19 link on our website at [btownccs.k12.in.us](https://btownccs.k12.in.us).