



## **BARR-REEVE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

### **BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN 2021-2022**

As of July 1, 2021, local school boards of public K-12 education institutions will be responsible for implementing whatever measures and restrictions deemed necessary and prudent to address the impact and spread of COVID-19 for their buildings, facilities and grounds, to include transportation. Educational governing bodies are encouraged to follow CDC guidance and any guidance that may be issued by the Indiana and Local Departments of Health and Education.

#### **Masks and Contact Tracing**

##### **BRCS will adhere to the following guidelines:**

- Masks **will not** be required for students or staff.
- Students and staff are welcomed to wear masks **if they wish**.
- Follow IDOE attendance guidelines for students who are absent due to a COVID-19 related reason.
- Determine contact tracing requirements, **if any**, in conjunction with Daviess Co Health Dept.

#### **School Day**

- In-person instruction will continue to be provided 5 days a week.
- Virtual learning will be an option for families who prefer to keep students at home **ONLY** if approved by the Superintendent; and have medical reasons for doing so. (physician consultation and documentation will be necessary)

#### **Supporting Teaching and Learning**

- Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
  - Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff.
  - Conducting cleaning of classrooms and high touch surfaces daily.
- Establish an academic baseline:
  - Use formative assessments (IREADY/Study Island).
  - Conduct meetings with teachers to analyze data and see where students are academically.
- Discuss the shared experience
  - Implementation of Interventions with fidelity; provide Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Resources
- Target interventions and supports:
  - Provide additional instructional supports to:
    - Students at-risk of not graduating on time.
    - Students with disabilities. (recovery services)
    - Students who had poor attendance in the 2020-2021 school year due to COVID-19 related reasons.
    - Other students identified as being behind academically or “at-risk” by teachers and/or parents.

### **Bus Transportation**

- Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventive measures such as:
  - Provide hand sanitizer for students and staff.
  - Bus Drivers may ask for students to sit in assigned seats to allow tracing if necessary.

### **Meal Service**

- Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
  - Encourage students to wash hands before and after meal service. Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff.
  - Conducting cleaning of cafeterias and high-touch surfaces throughout the school day.
  - Consider single serve/pre-wrapped items and utensils when appropriate.

### **Transitioning (Hallway)**

- Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
  - Encourage students to limit congregating during passing periods or by lockers.
  - Conducting cleaning of hallways and high-touch surfaces throughout the school day.
  - Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff at entrances to classrooms.

### **Entering School Buildings**

- Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventive measures such as:
  - Provide hand sanitizer for students and staff.
  - Post signage to communicate how to stop the spread. Include COVID-19 symptoms, preventative measures (including staying home when sick), good hygiene, and specific protocols.
  - Continue established COVID-19 protocol for students/staff who feel ill/experience symptoms when they come to school.
  - Limit visitors and volunteers when students are present. May set up a screening process for visitors prior to interactions with students or staff.

### **Conducting Large Group Gatherings**

- Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
  - Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff.
  - Follow any Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA), or other extra-curricular/co-curricular governing bodies guidelines for performances, and practices.
  - Submit plans to the local health department for recurring and special events when requested.

### **Vaccinations**

- Follow Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) guidance if COVID-19 becomes a required or recommended vaccine. **Currently, the COVID-19 vaccine is not listed as either a required or recommended vaccine.** Should that change, religious and medical exemptions will be followed like with all other vaccines.
- Provide parents/guardians with ISDH COVID-19 vaccination information for students.

### **Practicing Prevention**

- Teach and reinforce good hygiene measures such as handwashing, covering coughs, etc.
- Provide hand soap and hand sanitizer, paper towels, and no touch trash cans in all bathrooms, classrooms and frequently trafficked areas.
- Post signage to communicate how to stop the spread. Include COVID 19 symptoms, preventative measures (including staying home when sick), good hygiene, and specific protocols.
- Clean/disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least daily and shared objects after each use.
- Take steps to make sure all water systems and features are safe.
- Turn off the water fountains except for water filling stations and encourage students and staff to bring water bottles from home.
- 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; schedule additional cleanings as needed.

### **Protecting Vulnerable Populations**

- All federal, state, and local guidelines will be followed as well as adherence to FERPA and HIPAA requirements. In addition, adherence to state and federal employment law and extended leave allowances and offering an Employee Assistance Program to all staff members.

### **Communication**

- A COVID-19 Dashboard will be maintained on the BRCS website that lists cases per school - if individuals are still required to report positive cases to each school.

### **Terms:**

- In-School Learning - students present in the school building.
- Virtual Learning - students completing lessons and activities remotely through technology.
- Vulnerable populations - elderly individuals and/or individuals with serious underlying health conditions including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy as identified by national health organizations.