



**BROWN COUNTY
SCHOOLS**
NASHVILLE, INDIANA

2021-2022 School Year

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COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols

MASKS/FACE COVERINGS

- Facial coverings are encouraged for all individuals not fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Facial coverings are optional for all individuals that are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
- All individuals are required to wear facial coverings on school buses regardless of vaccination status per Federal requirements.
- All students presenting to the Health Office with COVID-19 symptoms will be asked to wear a mask.



SCREENING/EXCLUSION/ REPORTING

- Students/staff should self-screen each day for COVID-19 symptoms prior to reporting to school/work and before getting on the bus.
- If a student/staff has symptoms of COVID-19, tested positive for COVID-19, or come into close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 they should stay home and report the absence to the school they attend.
- Students/staff that exhibit or report COVID-19 symptoms will be asked to isolate at home for 10 days following the onset of symptoms. Individuals may return prior to 10-day period if they can provide proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test or a physician's note with an alternate return date.

CONTACT TRACING/ QUARANTINE

- Individuals identified as a close contact will be asked to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of contact.
- A close contact is an individual who was within 6 feet of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
- Fully vaccinated, asymptomatic individuals will not have to quarantine if they are identified as a close contact if they can provide proof of vaccination status.
- Seating charts will be used in classrooms, cafeterias, and buses.

SANITIZING/CLEANING & HYGIENE

- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout each building and in each classroom.
- Cough/sneeze etiquette and hand hygiene will be encouraged of all students/staff.
- Routine cleaning is performed on a regular basis by custodial staff in each building.
- Supplemental sanitizing of high-touch surfaces will occur frequently throughout the school day by custodial staff.
- Emergency cleaning will be implemented at the direction of the Director of Maintenance, Superintendent, or designee in response to positive cases.

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COVID-19 SYMPTOMS: FEVER GREATER THAN 100.4 * NEW OR WORSENING COUGH * SHORTNESS OF BREATH * BODY ACHES * HEADACHE * SORE THROAT * LOSS OF TASTE/SMELL * RUNNY NOSE/CONGESTION (LIST NOT ALL INCLUSIVE)

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Social distancing will be deployed in classrooms, cafeterias and buses as much as possible.
- Use of shared supplies and materials will be minimized.
- Students will be kept in a cohort group PK-5th grade.
- Physical Education is held outside when weather permits.
- Visitors will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms and temperature checked prior to admittance.

TRANSPORTATION

- Parents may transport their student to school.
- Seats will be assigned on the bus and siblings will sit together.
- Students need to consistently ride the same bus for the morning and afternoon routes.
- Staff/students are required to wear a facial covering while riding the bus per Federal guidelines.
- No eating on the bus unless medically necessary.
- Bus is cleaned and disinfected/sanitized between each route and as needed.
- Hand sanitizer will be made available on the bus.

TESTING & VACCINATION

- All eligible staff and students are encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccine. The COVID-19 vaccine is available at the Brown County Health Department and CVS in Nashville. Other vaccination sites can be found here: www.coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine/
- If you are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, we encourage you to get tested. Testing is offered at the Brown County Health Department and CVS in Nashville. Other testing sites can be found here: <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2524.htm>

HOW TO STAY CONNECTED

- Parent Square. Be sure to sign up for Parent Square on the BCS website.
- Brown County Schools website: www.browncountyschools.com
- Individual school Facebook pages.
- Direct communication with teacher and school where your student attends.
- Central Office phone: (812) 988-6601
- Corporation Nurse e-mail: hgordon@browncountyschools.com

These plans are subject to change at any time by order of the Brown County Health Department, the Indiana State Health Department, the Office of the Governor, and the Indiana General Assembly.

