

BLACKFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS
2021-2022 School Reopening Plan

RETURN TO SCHOOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teachers return August 9th, and students return August 11th on a normal, in-person schedule.
MASKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masks are optional in school. Students and staff will be supported if they choose to wear a mask.• The CDC has an order in place requiring masks on public transportation, including school buses. BCS will follow this guidance, and require that all riders wear masks on school buses.
SCREENING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students and staff should self-screen daily.• Students and staff who exhibit signs of COVID-19 should stay home and contact the school nurse for further protocols.• Students should be fever-free 24 hours without medicine before returning to school.
VACCINATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vaccinations are not required for students or staff• Everyone 12 years of age or older are now eligible to get a vaccination.• Fully vaccinated students and staff DO NOT have to quarantine as a result of close contact exposure to COVID-19.
CLOSE CONTACT / QUARANTINE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCS will be required to monitor close contacts as the school year begins.• Vaccinated close contacts do not have to quarantine, but should monitor for symptoms and isolate if symptoms develop.• Unvaccinated individuals who are identified as a close contact must quarantine.
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We believe all extracurricular activities will take place.• We anticipate all extracurricular activities allowing full capacity.

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Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cleaning procedures and sanitization will continue to be enhanced during the school year.• Drinking fountains will be available. Also, students may continue to use the bottle filling stations and carry a water bottle.• Seating charts will be used for each school bus in order to assist with contact tracing.• Normal, Pre-COVID school procedures will resume for arrival, lunch, passing periods and dismissal.• Visitors will be allowed during the school day. Unvaccinated persons are encouraged to wear a mask while visiting.
Employee Leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employee leave will return to normal, pre-COVID status for the 2021-2022 school year. There will be no additional COVID leave for this school year. Employees will use normal, pre-COVID leave for any COVID-related absences.

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