2021-2022 School Year

BROWN COUNTY SCHOOLS
NASHVILLE, INDIANA

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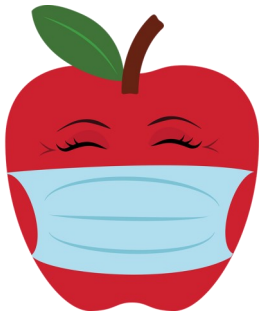
COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols

MASKS/FACE COVERINGS

- Facial coverings are required for all students and staff regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status.
- 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.

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 by order of the Office of the Governor. The Superintendent and/or designee(s) shall be delegated the authority to take necessary action to oversee and implement measures necessary to carry out the COVID-19 plan.

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