

2021-22

REOPENING PROTOCOLS

BUTTE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION SCHOOLS

LOCAL GUIDANCE IS BASED ON CDPH, BCPH AND
SUPERINTENDENT INSTRUCTION.

“Schools will have a mixed population of both people who are fully vaccinated and people who are not fully vaccinated. . . These variations require K-12 administrators to make decisions about the use of COVID-19 prevention strategies in their schools to protect people who are not fully vaccinated. . . Together with local public health officials, school administrators should consider multiple factors when they make decisions about implementing layered prevention strategies against COVID-19.”

- CDC July 9, 2021 Guidance



A GUIDE TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES OF COVID-19

..... CATEGORIES ADDRESSED INSIDE THIS GUIDE

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DAILY HEALTH CHECKS FOR STUDENTS & STAFF:

- *Daily student temperature checks performed at home before coming to site*
 - *touchless thermometers available at site*
- *Staff must complete daily health check on BCOE Schools Self Screening App before entering school site, as per BCOE reopening guidance*
- *Daily health check signage posted at school entrances*
- *Students or staff must not come to school if temperature is 100.4 or higher*

PLAN FOR SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS:

- *Identify student isolation areas on site*
- *Daily assess for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and take temperature*
- *If temp is 100.4 or higher, or positive for other symptoms, follow steps below:*
 - *Mask and isolate in predesignated isolation area*
 - *Contact school nurse, health aide or designated on-site supervisor*
 - *Contact parent/guardian and send home asap*
 - *Nurse, health aide or supervisor will advise parents/guardians that students may return only based on public health guidelines*
 - *Clean & sanitize health office and/or isolation area as well as student's classroom*
 - *Have all students and staff follow CDC guidelines for hand washing*
 - *Contact custodial services to disinfect*
- *Nurse determines notification of Butte County Public Health*

PLAN TO ADDRESS POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES:

- *Contact school nurse*
- *Follow plan coordinated by local public health officials*
- *Separate suspected infected person from general population until removed from campus*
- *Supervisor reports positive COVID-19 case information to hrcovidsupport@bcoe.org*

BENEFITS OF BEING FULLY VACCINATED:

- *COVID 19-vaccines are effective. They decrease the chances of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19. Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you, particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.*
- *Fully vaccinated students may remain in school and avoid interruptions to in-person education, even if they are exposed to someone with COVID-19, so long as they remain without symptoms.*

PHYSICAL DISTANCING:



- ***Recent evidence indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements when masking is implemented.***

QUESTIONS

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HYGIENE PRACTICES:



- ***Post hand washing protocols throughout school and in restrooms***
- ***Hand washing or hand sanitizing required upon entrance and exit to classrooms and restrooms***
- ***Hand washing or sanitizer stations should be at entrance of school and each classroom***
- ***Explicit instruction regarding hand washing and hand sanitizing for all staff and students***

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:



- ***Face Coverings:***
 - ***Under age 2 - not required***
 - ***Outdoors, masks are optional for all students and staff***
 - ***Indoors, for TK-12 student masks are required, with exemptions per CDPH face mask guidance***
 - ***Staff - required at school sites with students present***
 - ***Staff - required if not vaccinated, in all settings***
 - ***Fully vaccinated employees are not required to wear a facial covering in the workplace (except at schools when children are present) as long as they have completed and submitted a Certification of Vaccination ([attached here](#)) to their supervisor***
 - ***Supervisor will provide Certification documents to BCOE Human Resources***
- ***Teachers should teach and reinforce use of face coverings***
- ***Gloves and gowns may be required in some schools and situations***
- ***Staff and students will need to wear a facial covering when in classrooms, common traffic areas (parking lots, hallways, workrooms, restrooms, etc.), and working in proximity of other staff and students.***

NOTE: Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition, must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.

CLEANING, SANITIZING AND DISINFECTING:

- **Use CDC Guidelines**
- **Disinfecting will be scheduled regularly**
- **Hand sanitizer stations are located in high traffic areas**
- **Site administrators will coordinate with M&O for related supplies**
- **Programs on district campuses will follow local school and district guidelines**
- **Schools/programs on non-BCOE property will collaborate with partnering agency**
- **Procedures will be developed for disinfecting equipment commonly used for various students**



TRAINING SUPPORT:

- **Safety Guidelines**
- **Staff Self-Reporting of Symptoms**

COMMUNICATION:

- **Schools will communicate necessary messaging to school community**
- **Schools will establish procedures to communicate all conditions related to the pandemic**
- **BCOE will follow all laws regarding notifications of known cases as required**

EMPLOYEE ISSUES:

- **Contact your supervisor or contact the BCOE Human Resources Executive Director or the BCOE Human Resources Operations Director. If contacting Human Resources by email, send communication to HRCovidSupport@bcoe.org**



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