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 •••••

Daily Health Checks for Students & Staff Plan for Signs and Symptoms Addressing Positive COVID-19 Cases Benefits of Being Fully Vaccinated Physical Distancing Hygiene Practices

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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
 - o 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:

- <u>COVID 19-vaccines are effective.</u> 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 inperson 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.

<u>NOTE</u>: 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 supplie
- Programs on district campuses will follow local school and district.
- 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:

- Safetv 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

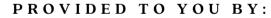












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