

BCSC PreK-12 REOPENING PLAN

RISK MITIGATION STRATEGIES FOR COVID -19

July 2020



“I firmly believe that the best thing for our students is to get them back into the classroom, even if that is in a modified form. We need to do this, not just for their educational development, but also for their physical, their social, and their mental well-being.”

- *Dr. Kristina Box, Indiana State Health Commissioner*

BCSC

HEALTHY STUDENTS AND STAFF

<p>FACE COVERINGS FOR STUDENTS & STAFF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff will be provided two washable cloth face coverings • Students and staff should carry face coverings with them at all times and are expected to wear them • Face coverings are required for students and staff when physical distancing is not possible (ex. awaiting screening, group activities, hallways, buses) • Back to School Face Coverings from the Indiana Department of Education • Some students and staff may be exempt from wearing face coverings due to health needs 	<p>PREVENTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff will be screened (temperatures checked) upon entry of school buses and school buildings • A student with a temperature of 100.4°F or higher will wait in the isolation area until a parent/guardian arrives; a staff member will return home • Students and staff will receive training on the following measures: reducing the spread, handwashing, wearing a face covering properly, covering coughs and sneezes, and physical distancing • An instructional video on prevention measures at school will be shared
<p>SHARED RESPONSIBILITY</p> <p>Students and staff SHOULD NOT report to school if experiencing any of these symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temperature of 100.4°F or above • Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath • Cough • Congestion or runny nose • Sore throat • Nausea • Muscle pain • Chills • Diarrhea • New loss of taste or smell <p>Students and staff may return to school as directed by a healthcare provider</p>	<p>HEALTH SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any medications that can be given at home should be done so as to minimize visits to the nurse's office • Nebulizer treatments are not allowed during COVID-19; contact a healthcare provider for an alternative plan <p>IMMUNIZATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required immunizations must be up to date at the start of the school year (see BCSC website) <p>SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide resources and appropriate supports for students and staff who may be experiencing hardships <p>ATTENDANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are considered present whether attending school in person or actively engaged remotely • Use of attendance incentives will be discontinued for the 2020-2021 school year

HEALTHY BUILDINGS

<p>CLEAN SURFACES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase frequency of cleaning and disinfecting on frequently touched areas (ex. door handles, handrails) • Surfaces will be frequently cleaned and disinfected following directions on product labels • EPA approved cleaning and disinfecting products in classrooms and offices as available from manufacturers 	<p>WATER FOUNTAINS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal water bottles may be used or one will be provided by BCSC; touchless water bottle filling stations will be available; water fountains will be turned off as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
<p>OUTDOOR AIR VENTILATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of outside air will be increased to the extent that school safety is not compromised and indoor air humidity is in an acceptable range 	<p>ACCESS TO BUILDINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only essential visitors may enter BCSC facilities (ex. Department of Child Services, therapists, other necessary resources); parent visits will be limited to the office area
<p>INDOOR AIR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All indoor air filters will be replaced prior to the start of school • Filters will be inspected to ensure they are installed correctly and fit appropriately • Airflow will be checked to ensure it is sufficient • Filters will be maintained and changed based on manufacturer's recommendation 	<p>ISOLATION AREA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A separate area will be identified in each school for students experiencing COVID-19 like symptoms to wait for a parent/guardian
<p>NO CONTACT INFRASTRUCTURE</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear barriers will be installed in selected areas of buildings (ex. reception areas) • Existing infrastructure will be adjusted to make touchless when possible 	

HEALTHY TRANSITIONS

TRANSPORTATION	MEAL TIME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus drivers and monitors are required to wear face coverings when students are present • Students will be screened upon entry to the bus • Physical distancing on school buses will be maintained when possible • Face coverings must be worn if physical distancing is not possible • Regardless of the number of riders, buses will be on all scheduled routes • Students will load the bus from back to front • Seating charts will be utilized when possible (for contact tracing purposes) • Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected regularly • Field trips are postponed until 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classrooms or other school locations may be used as temporary lunchrooms to facilitate physical distancing and maintain a maximum of 50% capacity in the cafeteria • Students and staff will wash their hands before and after lunch; hand sanitizer will be accessible • Food and utensils will not be shared • A portable meal that includes a hot and cold entrée will be offered daily • Cafeteria tables and frequently touched areas will be cleaned and disinfected regularly <p>Alternative serving models may be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spaced serving lines • Spaced seating (use of outdoor space when appropriate) • Longer meal periods for more staggered meal delivery
RECESS	TRANSITIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will have access to recess • Playground equipment will be cleaned and disinfected daily at a minimum • Students will wash their hands or sanitize before and after recess 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings may stagger transitions (ex. passing periods, locker access, arrival/dismissal) to maintain physical distancing

HEALTHY PRACTICES

<p>CULTURE OF HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SHARED RESPONSIBILITY</p>	<p>CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training will be provided to students and staff and resources to parents/guardians • Positive Behavior Instructional Supports (PBIS) expectations will be clearly communicated to reinforce responsibilities • Regular communication regarding COVID-19 and control strategies will be frequently delivered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCSC will work with the Bartholomew County Health Department for guidance on the level of community spread and adhere to processes developed by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) for confirmed cases • <u>COVID-19 Screening Decision Tree</u> • <u>When to Return to School</u>
<p>HAND WASHING</p>	<p>VULNERABLE POPULATIONS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff will be encouraged to wash their hands and use hand sanitizer as frequently as possible • Hand sanitizer stations will be accessible in common spaces throughout all facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodations and/or opportunities will be provided for students and staff with health needs in consultation with parents (students) and health providers • Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws will be followed
<p>PHYSICAL DISTANCING</p>	<p>REMOTE LEARNING OPTIONS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be encouraged to maintain physical distancing (6 feet or more) • Classroom configurations will be managed to promote physical distancing • Large spaces will be operated at no more than 50% capacity • Students will be discouraged from gathering in areas such as hallways or parking lots; staff will be discouraged from gathering in workrooms and other common spaces • Staggered schedules may be utilized for large group gatherings (ex. recess, school meals) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:1 devices are provided to students in grades 1-12; Kindergarten devices must be requested by contacting the student's teacher • Technical support available by calling 812.418.0252 • Wi-Fi hot spots will be available for checkout • Device repair and exchange will be available for damaged devices • IEPs/504s will be implemented; parents can request a conference if needed