



Borden County ISD 2022-2023 Reopening Plan

Our objective is to return to the social interaction of a connected learning environment while implementing reasonable measures for student and staff safety.

At BCISD, we are committed to a safe and complete return to school on August 17, 2022, and we are preparing to provide full in-person instruction. If you are not comfortable sending your child into the school building, then remote learning for PK-12th grades will be provided in compliance with TEA guidelines. Borden County ISD has created a plan that is reasonable and appropriate to do our part to stay healthy and provide a safe learning environment for all of our staff and students. The plans set forth are subject to change depending on future developments, but the following will allow us to return to the school environment we so deeply love and value.

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1. Registration Using Social Distancing

- Registration is scheduled August 15th we will social distance whenever possible
- use of hand sanitizer will be encouraged.

2. Transporting Students - Bus Routes

- Bus drivers will make contact with parents and students prior to the first day of school to provide more specific route information. Questions can be directed to the office at (806)756-4313.
- Upon arrival at school, students arriving at school on BCISD transportation, will exit the bus on a staggered basis to allow for social distancing and will enter the building by the main entrance and proceed to the cafeteria.
- Buses will be deep-cleaned periodically.

3. Daily Procedures

BCISD will be implementing reasonable measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19. These procedures include screening for symptoms, reducing points of congestion in the building, and requiring regular hygiene, other prevention and mitigation tactics may include:

➤ Student drop-off the morning by district vehicle (bus or suburban)

- Upon arrival at school, students will exit the bus on a staggered basis to allow for social distancing and will enter the building by the main entrance and proceed to the cafeteria.

➤ Student drop off times in the mornings by parents:

- Students are to arrive on campus between 7:30 am and 7:55 am. and should enter the building at the main entrance.
- Students will report to the cafeteria until dismissed to their classrooms at 7:55.

➤ Locker Use

- Lockers will be sanitized periodically.

➤ Lunch Time:

- To allow for social interaction, students will eat together but maintain a degree of social distancing.
- 6th-12th grade students will be allowed to order lunch from The Blue Paw.

➤ PE/Athletics, Recess:

- Students will enjoy daily PE/Athletics and Recess while emphasizing both socialization and social distancing.

➤ Taking Temperature

- If a student has 100-degree or higher temperature while at school, they will be isolated and monitored by staff in designated areas until parents can come pick up their student.

➤ **Visitors to campus:**

- Visitors coming on campus through the main office doors and into the halls will be required to check in at either office.

4. Face Coverings

Although our county and school are not currently under a mandatory mask order, we believe it is wise to have face coverings available if local or state officials make changes to the current situation. Face coverings will be defined as cloth masks, disposable masks, face shields, neck gaiters, bandanas, and handkerchiefs, that are used to cover both the nose and mouth. Students and visitors may choose to wear a mask at any time while at school or a school related activity.

5. Remote Learning Plan

- We intend to operate in a 100% on site model for the entirety of the 2022-2023 school year and students will be expected to be present each day. This plan is subject to change depending on state and federal mandates, but we are prepared to educate our students without interruption in any circumstance.

6. Cleaning Protocols

- To reduce the transmission of Covid-19, BCISD has taken the following sanitation measures:
- Protocols for periodic cleaning and disinfecting of shared surfaces and objects will be implemented throughout the day, both inside and outside the classroom.
 - Ongoing usage of Global Plasma Solutions (GPS) air ionization in the supply air stream. As these positive and negative ions travel with the air stream, they attach to particles, pathogens, and odor-causing gasses. These ions travel within the air stream into occupied spaces, cleaning the air as they travel. The process cleans air from outside the building and the air that is recirculated from the interior of the building. GPS has been proven to reduce particles, kill pathogens, neutralize odors, and save energy for all HVAC systems.
 - The use of water fountains will be discouraged. Water bottle refill stations have been installed in the cafeteria and next to the elementary restrooms and students are asked to bring a water bottle each day labeled with the student's name that they can refill during the school day.
 - Students will be allowed to enjoy the use of the playground and PE equipment

and cleaning protocols will be in place throughout the day to disinfect all the equipment used.

- Equipment and facilities used for UIL athletic activities will undergo additional cleaning and disinfection protocols to promote the health and safety of student athletes and fans.
- BCISD will periodically contract with the *Germ-Blast Co.* to provide district-wide deep-cleaning services.

7. Distancing Guidelines & Supporting A Healthy Campus

- BCISD will provide the same in-person learning environment students and families have always enjoyed, with the following common-sense protocols in place:
 - Daily procedures have been adjusted to avoid congestion in common areas at the beginning and end of the day, during passing periods, and at lunch and recess.
 - Desks and student seating will be spread out as much as reasonably possible as each classroom space allows. Teachers and staff will ensure students' maintain distance and reduce the shared use of materials.
 - Protocols will be implemented to reduce/prevent the handling of cups, utensils, and other supplies by multiple people.
 - Any and all students, faculty, or staff should stay home from school or work if they 1) have tested positive for Covid-19; 2) Have a temperature of 100 degrees or higher. Students residing in a home where a confirmed case of Covid-19 exists will be required to quarantine at home for 3 days and be symptom-free to return to school. BCISD will continue to monitor the most updated TEA, CDC, and local health authority guidelines to make decisions on a students' removal from and return to campus after experiencing multiple Covid-19 symptoms, and or testing positive for Covid-19.
- Screening for Covid-19 prior to campus access
 - Visitors/Parents will check into the front offices and avoid visiting campus if:
 - They have symptoms of illness
 - They have been exposed to an individual with Covid-19
- Individuals who have been lab-confirmed with COVID-19, but have not been on campus (teacher/staff/students/parents/visitor) Teachers, staff, students, parents, and visitors must report to the district if they have been lab-confirmed positive with COVID-19, and, if so, they must meet one of the three criteria:
 1. Self-isolate for 5 days
 2. Change in diagnosis by a medical professional
 3. Two-consecutive negative Covid test results within a 24 hour period

➤ Identifying possible COVID-19 cases on-campus procedures

- During the school day, BCISD staff will immediately separate from the general school population any student or staff member who demonstrates a measured body temperature of 100 degrees or higher.
- A parent will be notified and must pick up student from school
- Students will be allowed to return to campus when fever-free for 24 hours or as directed by a physician

➤ Responding to a Lab-Confirmed Case Within the School District

- BCISD will notify local health officials.
- School officials will send out notification of the confirmed case through the school app/Facebook/Twitter, BCISD.net webpage and School Messenger automated phone notification system.
- The district will take immediate measures to deep clean the entire campus.
- Any student or staff member that have a lab-confirmed diagnosis of Covid-19 may return to school after meeting one of the following criteria:
 1. Self-isolate for 5 days
 2. Change in diagnosis by a medical professional
 3. Two-consecutive negative Covid test results within a 24 hour period

8. Partial Closures & Plan Review

- In the event of an outbreak of COVID-19 cases at BCISD, we are prepared to follow CDC and local health officials guidance for a short term (3-10 day) closure of the school facility. If this occurs, we will continue to deliver content using a remote learning model and will return to the classroom promptly after assessing the situation and taking appropriate measures to halt the spread.
- The District Improvement Team will review this plan at the conclusion of each six-week grading period.

We have an incredible staff who are ready to make this year a truly excellent experience for our entire community. We look forward to partnering with you and we will continue to evaluate our plan and reassess, as necessary, over the course of the next few weeks. We are praying for your family and we cannot wait to be together again on August 17th.

As guidelines referring to Covid-19 and circumstances specific to our community are ever changing, we have selected three dates as part of our campus plan review. On each of these dates, we will evaluate and adjust our plan according to the circumstances of our school, community, and state of Texas, as well as the guidelines in place at those times. We will use both local and regional authorities, and health officials in making these decisions. We will continue to add additional dates as necessary.