



Ready For Learning Addendum
End-of-Year COVID-19 Guidance for Schools

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This guidance document addresses updates to the public health directives and is based on the public health situation with COVID-19 as it is understood today. Updated guidelines continue to focus on successful practices that resulted in onsite learning for students and limited disruptions throughout the year. Therefore, continued practices to mitigate the likelihood of COVID-19 spread inside the schools will be followed by the Barton School District are:

Mask/Face Coverings

Masks are optional for all students and staff effective immediately. (Board of Directors meeting April 12, 2021)

Social Distancing

Social distancing guidelines will be observed as much as feasibly possible. Classrooms and cafeteria spaces will be redesigned to increase the space between students.

Use of Non-Classroom Spaces

1. When feasible and appropriate, it is preferable for students to gather outside rather than inside because of the reduced risk of virus spread outdoors.
2. BSD may continue to offer extracurricular activities at their discretion and consistent with ADH guidance for non-AAA extracurricular activities and with the guidance found on the AAA website for all AAA-sponsored activities.
3. The operation of facilities will be consistent with ADH guidance for large indoor and outdoor venues.
4. BSD will modify assemblies and other activities that bring large groupings of students and/or teachers and staff together. If such events do occur, care will be taken to observe all possible mitigation measures to decrease the risk of the virus spread at the event.

Hand Washing/Cleaning

BSD will continue to have hand sanitizer and/or hand washing stations with soap and water at all times. Students, teachers, staff, and campus visitors will be encouraged to sanitize and/or wash hands frequently.

Screening

BSD will continue to screen individuals who enter facilities by taking their temperature via thermal scanner and/or handheld thermometer and utilizing appropriate questions. If an individual does not pass the screening, they will not be permitted into the facility unless they fall under the exemption (i.e. they are a fully vaccinated close contact).

Positive/Close Contact Cases

In the event an individual tests positive, we will follow the latest guidance from the Arkansas Department of Health as well as those recommended by the CDC. That guidance may be found at <https://bit.ly/3fOnrHX>. We will follow all state and national directives for contact tracing so families remain informed.

Educational Options

Students and staff should stay home when sick. BSD has implemented digital options that can allow teacher/student interaction when unable to physically attend school. Students and families of the BSD should feel confident that students can remain connected to their school even when they are not able to attend in person due to COVID-19 isolation or quarantine requirements.