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2021-22 Continuity of Services

Start of School Guidance

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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 Approved: April 12, 2021)

Social Distancing

Social distancing guidelines will be observed as much as feasible.

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.

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.

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.