

Welcome to the BCSD Reopening Forum

BCSD Reopening Plan

Via Zoom

August 17th 10:00 to 11:30 am - Community

August 17th 1:00 to 2:30 pm - Community

August 19th 2:00pm to 3:30pm - Faculty

August 19th 7:00 to 8:30 pm - Community



Today's Webinar

- The Questions and Answer (Q & A) feature is open for individuals to pose question throughout the presentation.
 - Newly posed questions will be added to the Q & A that appears on the district “reopening” website.



Today's Webinar

- At the end of the presentation, a link will be posted inviting you to join in a ThoughtExchange, where you can interact with others around the question:
 - Based on what was shared today, what are your thoughts and questions?
- The exchange will run for ~15 minutes, and then the results shared and posted.



Guiding Principles

- The health, safety and well-being of the children and adults is paramount.
- Educational equity is a priority.
- Planning for school to re-open is not a one time event.
- Value stakeholder input.
- There may be differences between buildings based on differences in size of buildings and ages of students.



Governor's Orders and Guidelines



Guiding Rule:

- Facilities Open to Students - Daily infection rate of 5% or less over 14 days
- Facilities Closed to Students - Regional infection rate greater than 9% based on 7-day average after August 1
- Final Decision as of August 7th - School facilities may reopen to students

Guidance:

- Specific plans are developed by Districts



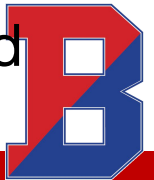
Mandated Re-opening Requirements

- ***Social Distancing and Face Coverings*** - 6 feet; masks required of all
- ***Hygiene, Cleaning and Disinfection*** - Training, documentation, consistently reinforced practices
- ***Screening and Tracking*** - daily temperatures, daily questionnaire, procedure for quarantine
- ***Remote Learning Plan***
- ***Communication*** - Predictable plan for communicating with students, parents/guardians, and faculty/staff



Social Distancing and Face Coverings

- Face covering required by students and staff
 - Except meals, defined instructional times by the teacher, short breaks with appropriate social distancing will occur once per period at secondary level; twice per hour at elementary level.
- Spatial relationships - maximize social distancing
 - Minimal transitions Classroom capacity - 11-12 desks per classrooms
 - Elem Capacity ... MS Capacity ... HS Capacity
- Repurposing of spaces for instruction (gyms, libraries, computer labs)
- Visitors restricted to necessary school business that could otherwise not be accomplished virtually.



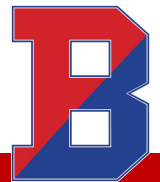
Meals

- Breakfast and lunch will continue to be provided daily for students who are in school for in-person instruction.
- Students engaged in remote learning may pick up breakfast and lunch in accordance with a remote learning meal schedule. We anticipate the pick-up schedule to be twice per week during designated times at the school sites.
- Lunch will be pre-packaged, or for cooked items, portioned into individual cups, bags etc...To ensure appropriate social distancing, multiple locations, including an allowance for eating in classrooms will be utilized.
- Desks will be used in cafeteria spaces to ensure social distancing and sanitation between student usage.



Other Protocols in place

- Physical barriers when six feet not feasible in spaces
 - Offices and workrooms
- Reduced transitions and congestion in hallways (no locker use)
- One-way directional and signage



Transportation

- Mask required for students while on the bus at all times
- Capacity ~25 - per bus
- Assigned seating - sibling sharing; otherwise, one per seat
- Staggered dismissals and dedicated entrances
- Disinfecting after each run/route (video)
- Encourage parental transportation
- BHS - BC Transit will still be running with social distancing and mask required.



Screening and Tracking

- Single point person - **Mr. Eric Wilson**, Executive Director of Human Resources and Operations
- Training to recognize signs and symptoms (plan)
- Training health hygiene - students and employees (video)
- Vulnerable populations - increased risk for severe COVID-19 illness
 - Additional PPE
 - Work/educational modifications
 - Capacity for isolation/containment of people with symptoms
- Daily health screening
 - Daily screening questionnaire for employees
 - Temperature checks of employees and students prior to arrival at work/school **and** upon arrival
- Daily sign in for contact tracing



Return to School After Illness

Binghamton City School District follows CDC guidance for allowing a student or staff member to return to school after exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. If a person is not diagnosed by a healthcare provider (physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant) with COVID-19, they can return to school:

- Once there is no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines, and they have felt well for 24 hours;
- If they have been diagnosed with another condition and have a healthcare provider's written note stating they are clear to return to school;
- If a person is diagnosed with COVID-19 by a healthcare provider based on a test or their symptoms or does not get a COVID-19 test but has had symptoms, they can not come to school and should stay at home until:
 - It has been at least ten days since the individual first had symptoms;
 - It has been at least three days since the individual has had a fever (without using fever-reducing medicine); and
 - It has been at least three days since the individual's symptoms improved, including cough and shortness of breath.



Disinfecting and Cleaning of Facilities

Personal Hygiene


- The district will provide and maintain hand hygiene stations around the school, as follows:
 - For handwashing: soap, running warm water, and disposable paper towels.
 - For hand sanitizing: an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol for areas where handwashing facilities may not be available or practical.
 - Accommodations for students who cannot use hand sanitizer will be made.
 - Traditional water fountains will be closed and each school will have a water bottle filling station available. Parents are encourage to have their children come to school with a refillable water bottle



Hybrid Instruction Grades 6 through 8













 At School

 At Home

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPERATIONAL ACADEMIC PARAMETERS

Grade 6-8 is planned for a hybrid model that will create class sizes of 12 or less. Instruction will be provided using longer periods to reduce the number of instructional spaces and student contact exposures each day. On virtual instruction days, students will be required to participate in classroom work remotely and follow a period by period instructional day.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Grade 6-8 Group A					
Grade 6-8 Group B					



Disinfecting and Cleaning of Facilities

- Daily disinfection of all spaces protocol Specialized equipment for sanitizing spaces (video)
- Cleaning logs will be maintained for the following areas:
 - Bathrooms
 - Health offices, isolation rooms
 - Administrative offices (main office, reception area)
 - Frequently touched surfaces in common areas (door handles, elevator buttons, copy machine keypads, etc.)
 - Breakrooms
 - Cafeterias/Kitchens
 - Science labs
 - Classrooms
 - Maintenance offices and work areas
 - School vehicles
 - Libraries
 - Large meeting areas (auditoriums, gymnasiums, music rooms)
 - Playgrounds (cleaning only)
 - Outdoor seating areas (plastic or metal)
- Filtration and ventilation meet or exceed
 - *Memo will be posted in each building outlining types of filters used and when filters have been replaced.*



Timeline for Faculty and Student Return

September 8-11: Faculty/staff only report for Professional Learning & Collaboration

- Calendar adjusted for four (4) Superintendent's Conference Days allowed under NYS regulations (normally we schedule 3 - Opening, Fall, Spring)

September 14-October 4: Fully Remote Learning for All Students; Staff and Faculty Teach from Buildings

- Specific schedules for fully remote learning and in person/hybrid will be communicated this Friday.

Monday, October 5: Targeted Date for In person/Hybrid Model Implementation



Remote Learning

- All parents/guardians have the option of selecting full remote learning at the start of the year.
- Wednesday's will be full remote learning day across the district.



In-person and Hybrid Instruction (preK-5)



ELEMENTARY OPERATIONAL ACADEMIC PARAMETERS

Due to social distancing requirements, all school spaces will be used as instructional spaces. Traditional instructional program will be modified with students learning from classroom teachers, with special area teachers pushing into classrooms to minimize transitions and exposure.

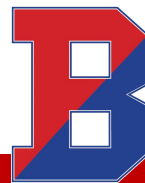


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Pre-K - Grade 2					
Grade 3-5 Group A					
Grade 3-5 Group B					



Hybrid Instruction Grades 9 through 12



BHS HYBRID INSTRUCTION

Grade 9-12 is planned for a hybrid model that will create smaller class sizes. Instruction will follow a traditional 9-period schedule with staggered bell times to reduce crowding in hallways during passing time. On virtual instruction days, students will be required to participate in classroom work remotely and follow a period by period instructional day.



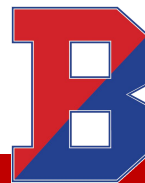
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Cohort A					
Cohort B					
Remote					

*Cohorts will be determined alphabetically by letter of last name



ThoughtExchange

Question: “Based on the information provided today (2:00 pm) on the district's reopening plan, what are your thoughts and questions?”

Here are some details about the process:

- 1) Your participation is confidential. Identifying information is not required nor collected.
- 2) Please be polite and respectful as you share and rate thoughts.
- 3) You do not need to rate all thoughts in this exchange. It is recommended to rate about 15-20 thoughts during the period of time that the exchange is open. A 5 star rating indicates agreement with the statement.

To join, select the following link, posted to chat box.



Thank you for joining
us!

