

**Bronaugh R-VII Re-Opening Considerations for Students
School Year Starting August 24, 2020**

At home before school:

Families are asked to screen your students at home for any concerning COVID symptoms prior to getting on the school bus or coming to school. Symptoms to watch for are:

- Cough
- Fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Shortness of breath
- Chills
- Muscle aches
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Vomiting / Diarrhea

If your student is experiencing any of these symptoms, we ask that you please remain home and consult your student's primary care physician.

Any absences occurred during the school year related to illness or quarantine due to COVID will not negatively impact your student's attendance.

School buses:

The district is requesting any parent who is able and willing to provide transportation for their student to school; however, we are still running complete bus routes and welcome students to ride each day. Each bus will have a seating chart and will be loaded back to front. Students will be seated in family units whenever possible to eliminate close contact between students. Masks are recommended on school buses but not required.

Breakfast:

Students should not arrive at school before 7:40am. Upon arrival to school, breakfast will be provided grab and go style. Elementary students will sit at assigned tables with their grade level to eat breakfast. Students not eating breakfast will report directly to their classrooms. High School students will report to their first hour classrooms. Teachers will need to be at school at the regular report time of 7:40am to assist in supervision of students.

Lunch:

Students in grades K-8 will sit with their cohort during lunch time. These are the students they are with most of the day. Grade 9-12 students will be spaced out as much as possible throughout the cafeteria and have the option of sitting outside as weather permits. Some classes will eat in their classroom.

Day to day class activities:

Teachers will attempt to arrange their classrooms to allow for social distancing when possible. We understand there will be times when this is not possible so the following measures will be taken in classrooms each day

- All areas of the campus are mask friendly and if staff or students wish to wear a mask, they are more than welcome to do so.
- Sanitation of desks and high touch surfaces will be completed multiple times throughout the school day. In 7-12 classes that switch each hour, desks will be sanitized between each class.
- Recess times will be split out so there is only one class in a particular playground area at a time.
- We will avoid having students share materials in class and when this is impossible, materials will be sanitized before being shared with another student (ex. calculators)

Students who become ill at school:

If students become ill at school or show any of the above mentioned symptoms, they will be sent home to self-monitor with recommendations to call their primary care physician. If a student or staff member is exhibiting concerning symptoms, they may return to school once they are symptom free for 24 hours or receive a note from a doctor.

Students and staff members with possible COVID:

We will be working closely with the Health Department (HD) to manage any possible cases of COVID. If we receive confirmation from the HD there is a student or staff member in our building with COVID, we will assist them in contact tracing and HD will be responsible for reaching out to anyone considered a close contact. A close contact is identified as being within 6 ft or less for 15 minutes or more with a confirmed positive case. The district's sole source for this confirmation is the HD. Therefore, the district will not be able to act on hearsay or "second hand" reports of someone testing positive until the report comes from the HD. Any person considered to be "exposed" to the student or staff member will be quarantined for 14 days and will be able to re-enter school if no symptoms are present. It is certainly possible that school could be shut down for several days following a positive case for tracing, cleaning, etc.

- If a student has confirmed COVID or is placed in quarantine due to being a close contact, instruction will continue in a virtual or paper packet format for those students. Staff members will check in with students throughout their absence and provide feedback via email, Google classroom, phone, etc.

Re-Entry After Illness Guidelines:

Current guidelines reflect the following -

- Positive cases of COVID may return to work/school 10 days after the first appearance of symptoms if they have been fever free for at least 24 hours.
- Individuals placed in quarantine must remain for 14 days after their last exposure to a positive COVID case.
- Notes from doctors are highly recommended when returning.

Bathrooms:

- The bathrooms will be routinely sanitized throughout the school day. We will limit the amount of students in the bathroom at one time and we will ask the line to form out in the hallway to allow for social distancing.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

- Students are allowed and encouraged to ride with parents to activities; however, district transportation will continue to be provided. Students may not transport themselves to activities and should ride with a licensed adult family member/guardian. If a parent wishes for their child to ride with another parent/guardian, a handwritten note needs to be submitted to the coach before leave time. Students should communicate with coaches before activities regarding transportation arrangements. At activities, students will still need to be “signed-out” so the coach can account for the whereabouts of all students. Questions should be directed to the principal.

Field Trips:

- Families should expect field trips to be very limited this school year as destinations often have restrictions. All field trip requests will be dealt with on a case by case basis and approval processes will still go through the principal.

Other considerations:

- All students should bring a see-through water bottle to school to be filled instead of drinking directly from water fountains. The school is happy to provide a water bottle to anyone who can not provide their own.
- 7-12 students will be encouraged not to congregate at lockers during passing times.
- All classes will have mandatory seating charts which will be turned into the office to assist in contact tracing if needed.
- Visitors to school will not be allowed beyond the main office to ensure we are able to maintain our ability to provide contact tracing to the HD. At this time, this means guests will not be allowed in classrooms for class parties.