

HEALTH MITIGATION PROTOCOLS 2021-2022

General Protocols and Practices:

- The wearing of a mask is optional and is up to the individual.
- Facilities will not be modified to allow for physical distancing.
- BHISD is fortunate to be one of the few districts to utilize Plexiglas screens on every desk last year, and they may be utilized in our classrooms should conditions dictate.
- Employees and visitors will self-screen before entering district buildings.
- BHISD will continue to provide Covid-19 testing for all staff.
- It is the responsibility of an individual (student/staff) with a positive test for COVID 19 to follow the advice of his/her healthcare professional prior to returning to school or work. This should include being fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and significant improvement in symptoms. (see BHISD process maps for more guidance)
- BHISD staff members must contact their supervisor if they test positive for Covid-19.
- Parents should contact the school nurse if their student has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
 - Positive Covid-19 cases (staff and students) will be reported to the local health department and the Texas Department of State Health Services as required by TEA.
- Individuals who have been in close and personal contact with a person who has tested positive for Covid-19 should monitor their health conditions for symptoms of COVID-19 and take appropriate steps should symptoms arise.

Health and Hygiene Protocols and Practices:

- Handwashing will continue to be a priority and it is recommended students, teachers, and staff dedicate intentional time for handwashing throughout the school day.
- Custodians will continue to clean campuses throughout the instructional day.
- Classrooms will be equipped with cleaning supplies for cleaning and disinfecting throughout the instructional day.
- All student desks will have protective plexiglass shields.
- Signage for proper hygiene etiquette will continue to be posted throughout district facilities.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be at the entrances of each facility and throughout the buildings as well as on buses.
- Transportation staff will disinfect each bus after am/pm routes.

Attendance:

- When students are not physically present at school, they will be counted absent in accordance with the attendance policy and procedures outlined in the Student Handbook.
- BHISD will offer Remote Conferencing in accordance with TEA guidelines. Remote Conferencing allows a student to virtually participate in classes (when able) utilizing lessons provided by the by the student's current teachers to meet grade level or course requirements.
- When students are not physically present at school and they do not participate in Remote Conferencing, they will be counted absent in accordance with the attendance policy and procedures outlined in the Student Handbook.

Coordination with Local Health Officials:

- BHISD will continue to work with Chambers County and the Texas Education Agency to mitigate COVID. These efforts may include but are not limited to, updating protocols as needed as well as responding to contact tracing if needed.