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Barbers Hill ISD is committed to placing children first and doing so in the absolute safest manner possible. BHISD has spent close to 5.5 million dollars to help ensure a safe educational environment for staff and students. The following is a compilation of some of the many things that our district has implemented or required regarding the COVID-19 virus.

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS 2021-2022

General Protocols and Practices:

- Custodians will continue to clean campuses throughout the instructional day using Germinator, an advanced, anti-microbial scientific process that safely kills viruses, bacteria and other contaminants including COVID-19.
- Classrooms will be equipped with cleaning supplies for cleaning and disinfecting throughout the instructional day.
- Handwashing will continue to be a priority; students, teachers, and staff will dedicate intentional time for handwashing throughout the school day.
- Signage for proper hygiene etiquette will continue to be posted throughout district facilities.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be at the entrance of each facility, throughout the buildings, in classrooms and on buses.
- **Physical distancing will be a priority for all students and staff.**
- Transportation staff will disinfect each bus after am/pm routes.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own water to school in a clear, plastic container labeled with the student's name.
- Water Bottle Stations are available at all campuses to limit potential exposure from water fountains.
- The cafeteria will be disinfected regularly.
- The wearing of a mask is optional and is up to the individual.
- BHISD is fortunate to be one of the few districts to utilize Plexiglass screens on every desk last year, and they are available upon request by the parent.
- **Employees, students, and visitors will self-screen before entering district buildings.**
- BHISD will continue to provide COVID-19 testing for all staff.
- **Temperature checks for students and staff will be performed daily.**
- Student COVID testing is available by appointment only. (Contact campus nurse to set up an appointment)
- 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 COVID19 should monitor their health conditions for symptoms of COVID-19 and take appropriate steps should symptoms arise. (See BHISD process maps for more guidance.)
- BHISD will continue to work with Chambers County and the Texas Education Agency to mitigate COVID19. These efforts may include but are not limited to, updating protocols as needed as well as responding to contact tracing if needed.