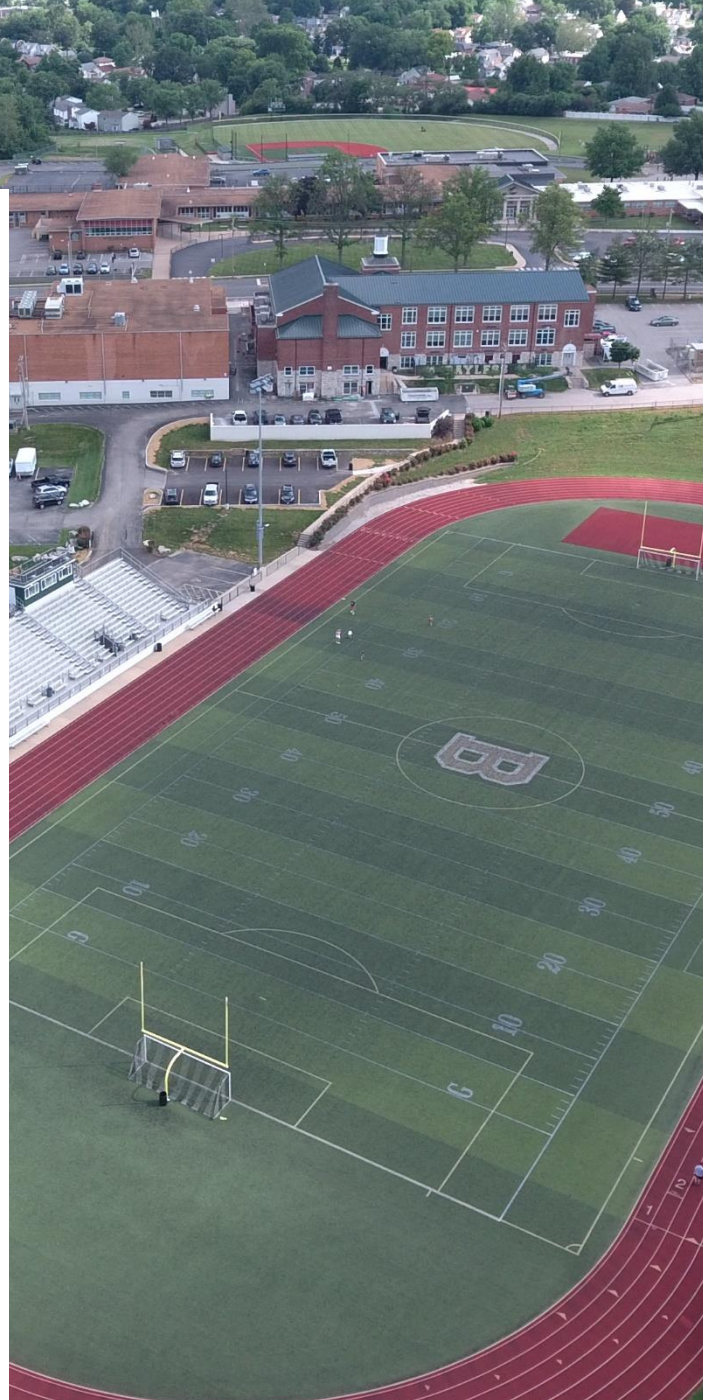


Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

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Bayless School District
St. Louis, Missouri



Communicable Disease Mitigation and Prevention

Strategy and Response Chart

The chart below provides some common strategies used to help mitigate and prevent the spread of communicable disease in our schools.

Bayless Communicable Disease Mitigation and Prevention Strategy for 2022-2023	
Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach universal precautions and reinforce the importance of handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes.• Provide sanitizer and tissues.
Clean and Maintain Healthy Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide routine and systemic cleaning of classrooms, offices and common areas, with an emphasis on high-touch areas.• Provide staff with resources needed to assist in maintaining cleanliness in their workspaces.
Diagnostic Screening or Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide information regarding testing available at local health care providers.
Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bayless advertises local vaccination events as information becomes available to our system.
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bayless, through the Special School District of St. Louis County, provides accommodations as necessary or as mandated by the Individualized Education Plan.

Frequently Asked Questions

How can my child and family stay well?

To help prevent the spread of illness, follow these important tips:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

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- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Stay home when you are sick.
 - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What measures are you taking to prevent the spread of illness?

Bayless has plans in place to regularly clean and disinfect schools, including surfaces and buses. Bayless also frequently reminds students and staff about good hand hygiene and to cover coughs and sneezes.

Are students given opportunities to wash their hands during the school day?

Students have the opportunity to wash their hands during the school day. In locations where access to soap and water is limited, and in each classroom, alcohol-based hand sanitizer is also available.

What are Bayless School District's cleaning procedures?

Our Facilities Department uses a broad-spectrum disinfectant, which is known to be effective in killing most viruses. Our buildings are staffed daily by custodians who work to keep our schools clean. In addition, each night during the week a custodial crew cleans our school buildings, including offices, classrooms, restrooms, and common areas like hallways, cafeterias and gymnasiums. During the day, custodians regularly wipe down surfaces such as tables, doorknobs, and drinking fountains. *First Student* bus drivers disinfect the school buses as well.

Can and/or should students and staff wear masks at school?

Any person wishing to wear a mask for the purpose of reducing the spread of illness is welcome to do so. Bayless does not currently have a masking requirement or threshold.

Bayless will continue to follow all lawful state or federal orders and consider recommendations from the St. Louis County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding mask usage.

If staff or students have been exposed to someone with a communicable disease such as influenza or COVID, are they prohibited from attending school?

Individuals who are exposed to COVID-19 or other communicable disease but do not have symptoms do not have to quarantine per CDC guidance.

In accordance with Bayless Board Policy, students who exhibit signs or symptoms of illness or communicable disease may be prohibited from attending school. If you, or a family member, come in direct contact with an individual who is symptomatic, please call your primary care physician. If you do not have a family doctor, call the St. Louis County Department of Public Health at 314-615-0500.

What should I do if my child is sick?

If your child is sick, please keep them home from school. Please call your child's school and report the illness symptoms your student is experiencing to the attendance secretary. Call your child's health care provider for advice on managing your child's illness. Additionally, if your child tests positive for COVID-19, isolation and precaution guidelines from the CDC can be found [here](#).

Where can I find more information about communicable diseases?

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services](#)

[St. Louis County Department of Health](#)

Plan Review and Revision

At least every six months, the district will review and revise, if necessary, the *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan*. The review and revision process will include consultation with stakeholders during community engagement committee meetings: *Student Achievement, Facilities, Audit, and Wellness*.