

2021 – 2022 School Opening Plans

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Governor Edwards has released a new proclamation regarding COVID – 19. This proclamation runs from August 4 through September 1, 2021. Based upon this proclamation we must mandate masking wearing by everyone while inside school buildings and on buses. While this may not be the way we wanted to begin our new school year, we must follow the mandate from the Governor’s office. We all know that the best way for students to learn is face-to-face, so we will move forward making sure that this happens with the utmost safety possible. Please read our updated guidance in this document as we prepare for the upcoming year.

1. Schools opened on August 5, 2021 with face-to-face learning for all students, no virtual learning.
2. We will continue to follow the Governor’s Proclamation requiring face coverings at all times while inside school buildings and not able to social distance.
3. We will continue to follow all other protocols for combatting COVID 19 including hand washing, socials distancing to the greatest extent possible, and sanitizing our facilities.

Safety Protocols

1. **Face Coverings MUST be worn while indoors and when riding a school bus.**

2. **Hand washing and respiratory procedures**
 - Students will be asked to wash their hands and use hand sanitizer regularly.
 - Use elbow to cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
3. **Social Distancing of three feet or more will be maintained whenever possible.**
 - Students will be asked to remain six feet apart at entry/exit points and during transitions to the greatest extent possible.
4. **Employees and students will be encouraged to stay home if they are sick or feel ill.**
 - Students and employees should stay home if they are feeling ill or symptomatic.
 - If a student or employee has a fever or shows signs of illness, such as coughing, sore throat or vomiting, they will be required to go home.
 - Symptomatic students will be isolated until a parent arrives.
 - Students may be required to present a doctor's release to return to school.
5. **Clean, sanitized, and healthy facilities will be maintained.**

Positive COVID-19 Case Guidelines:

Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 will be quarantined for 10 days from the date symptoms first occur.

- Return to school will be on day 11 if all symptoms have improved and no fever has been present for 48 hours.
 - ✓ A doctor's not will be required before returning to school to confirm the case is no longer infectious.
 - ✓ When a student tests positive for COVID-19, parents/guardians should immediately notify the school administration.
- ❖ **The Bogalusa High School Student Based Health Center can test for COVID-19 and get results quickly.**

Close Contact Guidelines:

Students and staff members who are in Close Contact with a positive case of COVID-19 will be quarantined for 7 days to monitor for symptoms.