

**BARTONVILLE GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT #66**

**RETURN TO LEARN GUIDANCE PLAN 2021-2022**

**This BGS School Guidance Plan is a fluid document and may be revised throughout the 2021-2022 school year based on CDC, ISBE, and IDPH Guidelines.**

**Return to In Person Learning**

**For the 2021-2022 school year, following the guidance released by the Illinois State Board of Education and State Superintendent Dr. Carmen Ayala’s declaration calling on the return to full time in-person learning, Bartonville Grade School District #66 will return to in-person learning for the upcoming school year. Remote learning will be available to any student who is put on quarantine per the IDPH Decision Tree.**

**Quarantine**

**Students who test positive or are symptomatic for COVID-19 must continue isolate per CDC/IDPH Guidelines. Bartonville Grade School will continue to work with the local health department to determine close contacts. Quarantine (s) may not be necessary if the close contact individual was vaccinated or was previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the least three months if they exhibit no symptoms.**

**Mask Use**

**Based on the current guidelines set by the CDC and IDPH, masks will be worn by everyone while in-doors. This includes individuals who have been vaccinated. Masks must fully cover the mouth and the nose. The exception to this is while eating or when necessary for music/band. Masks do not have to be worn in outside settings. Masks also must be worn on buses as it is a requirement while on public transit. Individuals who refuse to comply with the mask guidelines will be removed from the learning environment.**

**Physical Distancing**

**The CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distancing. Bartonville Grade School will attempt to keep the recommended physical distance, but know that it is not possible in all situations for many reasons. Physical distancing should not hinder the education of our students, including collaboration in the classroom setting.**

**Cleanliness, Hygiene, & Ventilation**

**Handwashing, hand sanitizer and personal protective equipment (PPE) will continue to be available and encouraged for all individuals. The cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation protocols that were put in place last year will continue. Families are asked to continue to monitor children for sickness. If a student is sick or shows signs of any illness (not just COVID), they should be kept home until symptom free for 24 hours.**

**Return to Traditional Bell Schedule**

**For the 2021-2022 school year, Bartonville Grade School will return to our traditional schedule and times. Students may enter the building beginning at 7:45. There will not be any mass congregation in the gymnasium or other common spaces before the school day begins. The end of the day dismissal process will begin at 2:45.**

**Students Entering in the Morning**

**All students being dropped off through the BGS drive may enter through the gymnasium. All bus riders will enter through the Keller street foyer doors. For all other students:**

**K-2 Will enter through the #4 McClure Street entrance near the K-2 classrooms.**

**3-5 Will enter through the #3 McClure Street entrance near LaGondola.**

**6-8 Will enter through the #2 front door entrance near the Board Room**

**Breakfast**

**Breakfast will once again be “grab and go” style and eaten in the classrooms. Breakfast may be picked up in the cafeteria between 7:45 to 8:05. Breakfast and lunches are again free for all BGS students.**

**Lockers & Drinking Fountains**

**For the 2021-2022 School year, lockers may be used when necessary. Drinking fountains will continue to be closed except for bottle use.**

**Shared Materials**

**Materials may be shared during the 2021-2022 school year. However, we will encourage and promote increased sanitation measures.**

**Music, PE, Field Trips & All School Assemblies**

**Music and Physical Education will resume regular programming for the 2021-2022 school year. Field trips that align with instructional outcomes and/or are an extension of the learning environment may be permitted. All school assemblies will not be permitted until vaccines are available for all students.**

**Extra-curricular Activities**

**IESA athletics are scheduled to take place as a traditional season and schedule. Teams, coaches, and players will be expected to follow the sports guidance. We will continue to have limited fan capacity for these events.**

**Visitors**

**Visitors will not be permitted during school hours until vaccines are available for all.**

**Collaboration with Public Health Officials**

**BGS will continue to collaborate and consult with the Peoria County Health Department officials on various logistics and decision making. This includes quarantines, health and safety protocols, screening, testing, contact tracing, and emergency school closings.**

**Plan Review**

**Through September 30, 2023, this plan will be reviewed no less frequently than every six months and revised as needed. Revisions will address the most recently updated safety recommendations by the CDC, ISBE, and IDPH.**

**BARTONVILLE GRADE SCHOOL 2021-2022 MITIGATION LEVELS**

**These mitigation levels outline how our day-to-day operations will function over the coming school year. Please note that changes in our mitigation levels will be dependent upon the analysis of positive COVID-19 cases.**

**Mitigation Level I—Minimal**

* **Positive cases not increasing by more than 10% for two consecutive weeks.**
* **Masks are required for all students and staff at all times while inside and not eating.**
* **Three feet between students or to the greatest extent possible.**
* **Quarantine for students/staff while in close contact with a positive case if the student/staff exhibits symptoms.**
* **Implement remote learning for classes or building if needed.**

**Mitigation Level II—Moderate**

* **Positive cases are increasing for two consecutive weeks by more than 10% but less than 20%.**
* **Masks are required for all students and staff at all times while inside and not eating.**
* **Quarantine for students/staff while in close contact with a positive case, unless student/staff vaccinated or had COVID within the last 3 months.**
* **Implement remote learning for classes or building if needed.**
* **Some programs and activities may be cancelled or postponed.**

**Mitigation Level III—Substantial**

* **Positive cases increase for two weeks by more than 20% each week.**
* **Masks are required for all students and staff at all times while inside and not eating.**
* **Quarantine for students/staff while in close contact with a positive case, unless student/staff vaccinated or had COVID within the last 3 months.**
* **Implement remote learning for classes or building if needed.**
* **Some programs and activities will be cancelled or postponed.**