



THE
BROOKHAVEN
SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Brookhaven School District Safe Return to
In-Person Instruction Plan

July 2021

INTRODUCTION

The Brookhaven School District is committed to the safety and wellbeing of our students, faculty, staff, and community. When developing the district plan for a safe return to school, the Brookhaven School District consulted with various community stakeholders and reviewed our comprehensive needs assessments to better understand their opinions. The district also continues to seek the counsel of local and state health officials, as well as the guidelines established by the CDC. We have developed our safe return to in-person instruction while ensuring a continuity of service for all students. It is important to understand that this plan could change if there are changes in the number of COVID cases within the district or community. The district will use guidance from the CDC, Mississippi Department of Health, and local health officials to determine the safest protocol for students and staff. The goal of this plan is to address how schools will operate beginning in August of 2021. The plan will be reviewed and revised as necessary.

Daily Procedures

1. It is important for all parents to screen their child's health on a daily basis. Students exhibiting the following symptoms should remain at home:
 - Fever of 100.4 or higher
 - Cold and flulike symptoms
 - Gastrointestinal (stomach) problems
 - Unexplained or persistent cough
2. Temperature checks: The district will conduct temperature on a needed basis throughout the year. Plans can be subject to change.
3. Any student sent home for illness must be free from any fever for 24 hours without medication.
4. Signage will be placed throughout all Brookhaven School District buildings reminding students and personnel of best health and safety practices.
5. Hand sanitizer will continue to be provided by the district to all teachers as well as placed throughout buildings and on buses for easy access and usage.
6. Classrooms will continue to be arranged in a manner to ensure students are socially distanced as space will allow.
7. Masks will be worn indoors by all students and personnel, both vaccinated and unvaccinated for the first two weeks of school (August 5th – August 20th). At that point the district will evaluate local and state data to determine the need to adjust the district plan or to continue accordingly.

Instruction

1. The Brookhaven School District will begin the 2021-22 school year in the traditional school model with all students returning for in-person instruction.
2. For the 2021-2022 school year, the 100% At-Home Learning Option is no longer available to students via parental request. The 100% At-Home Learning Option is limited to students with medical limitations that require a virtual setting only. Students who show a specific medical need and are currently under the care of a physician will receive consideration for alternative learning options. Medical documentation from a physician

that the student is under the supervision of must be provided to the student's school for review. All requests are subject to approval of the administration.

Bus Transportation

1. All drivers and monitors will be equipped with proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to ensure their safety and the safety of student riders.
2. Students will sit in the seats that are assigned to them.
3. Buses will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized between and after routes.
4. In concurrence with CDC recommendations in reference to public transportation, masks **will** be worn by **all** student riders and drivers through the duration of route.

Health and Safety

1. The parents/guardians of students exhibiting symptoms will be contacted to check the student out immediately.
2. Any student sent home for illness must be free from any fever for 24 hours without medication.
3. Any students displaying symptoms of COVID-19 must wear a mask until a parent or guardian arrives to pick up the student.
4. Upon a positive COVID-19 test result, parents or guardians are strongly urged to contact their child's principal immediately.
5. Upon a positive COVID-19 test result, parents of children who have come into contact with a confirmed positive case will be contacted by the school.
6. Contact tracing will be used to identify students who have been in close contact with any confirmed positive cases.

Sanitizing

1. Teachers and assistant teachers will continue to help sanitize surfaces throughout the year.
2. Custodians will regularly sanitize the buildings throughout the day.
3. Surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected frequently.
4. Buses will be sanitized between and at the end of routes.
5. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the buildings and on buses.
6. Windows and doors will be opened slightly when possible for ventilation.

Visitors/Check In/Check Out

1. Visitors can be required by the district to wear masks upon entering district buildings.
2. Visitors can also be subject to temperature checks upon entering district buildings.
3. Nonessential visitors will be limited and seen by appointment only.
4. Only essential vendors will be allowed on campus and will be seen by appointment only.
5. Parents/Guardians will be asked to call the office before checking their child out of school. Parents can be required by the district to wear a mask upon entering a building and have their temperature checked.

Child Nutrition

1. Breakfast/Lunch protocols may differ from school to school based upon the population and cafeteria size.
2. The following methods of eating lunch could be used during the 2021-22 school year:
 - Lunch within the cafeteria with social distancing
 - Lunch within the classroom
 - Lunch outside in designated areas (weather and proper equipment permitting)
3. Water bottles (No glass bottles) will continue to be used at all bottle filling stations.

Technology

1. The Brookhaven School District will continue to provide each student with his or her own Chromebook that should be only used for instructional purposes.
2. Students, parents, and guardians are responsible for damage or lost Chromebooks. (Please see electronic device agreement that was signed when student was issued a Chromebook)
3. All grade levels will utilize Canvas for instruction.

Communication

1. The Brookhaven School District will continue to use the following methods for parent/student communication: Phone calls, emails, district web site, social media, emails, Remind, newsletters, School Status, messenger, and local media outlets.
2. Parent/teacher conference will be conducted in various manners including on-line and conference calls. Some face-to-face meetings will be conducted when deemed necessary.

Athletics

1. All Brookhaven School District activities and athletics will follow all MHSAA and MDE recommendations for events, activities, performances, and competitions.
2. Brookhaven School District athletics will utilize the GoFan Cashless Ticketing app.
3. Students who are 100% At-Home Learners forfeit the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities.