

# **Black Horse Pike Regional School District**

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

**LEA Name: Black Horse Pike Regional School District**

**Date (06/23/2021):**

**Date Revised (mm/dd/yyyy):**

### **1. Maintaining Health and Safety**

#### **A. Universal and correct wearing of masks:**

**Due to the state's vaccination rate, the availability of vaccines throughout the state, the number of staff members who have been vaccinated, the availability of vaccines to students in our grade configuration, the status of the executive order, and overall health in our region, the district does not plan on requiring masks for students, staff, or visitors. Masks have been purchased over the past year and we will have an ample supply available if students or staff prefer to wear a mask. We will assess the current health environment with the Department of Health and may consider suggesting that high-risk individuals and others who are exhibiting the typical flu or allergy-like symptoms to wear a mask.**

#### **Training of all Staff:**

- **Global Compliance Network training: COVID-19 Video: Wear a Cloth Face Covering (CDC)**
- **Video provided by CDC.gov -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ML3n1c0FHDI>**
- **Masks were purchased for all staff. Paper masks available in classrooms and in all offices.**

#### **B. Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)**

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## **Social distancing protocols used 20/21:**

Signage and distance markers were prevalent outside and inside the school building.

- Traffic Flow – Taped lines on the floor mark the walking direction throughout the facility in order to maintain the social distancing requirement of 6 feet
- Ad-hoc Interactions/Gatherings – Non-essential/informal meetups and visiting should be avoided. Meetings have been reconfigured to a virtual/remote framework.
- Employees in break rooms and eating areas must maintain appropriate distancing and employees are required to wear face coverings in all common areas, including hallways.

## **C. Proper handwashing:**

**The District promotes behaviors that reduce the spread of COVID-19 such as encouraging staff and students to stay home when appropriate; encouraging the practice of hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette; and will maintain signs and messages in and around school buildings. The schools will prepare and maintain hand sanitizing stations with alcohol-based hand sanitizers (at least 60% alcohol). Hand Sanitizers will be in each classroom at entrances and exits of buildings, near lunchrooms and restrooms. Students are encouraged to wash hands for at least twenty seconds at regular intervals during the school day and always before eating, after using the bathroom. All protocols will be applicable during any extra-curricular activities.**

Training Video: <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/index.html> and respiratory etiquette

## **D. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation**

**The District will continue to:**

- Follow the CDC Guidelines [Cleaning and Disinfection of Facility- CDC](#)
- All surfaces are cleaned with soap and water and then have a disinfectant applied
- Disinfectants are from the approved [EPA Approved List of Disinfectants for SARS-COV-2](#)
- Deep cleaning is triggered when an active employee or student is identified as positive for COVID 19 based on testing.

## **E. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments**

**The District will continue to:**

- i. Utilize the CDC [-School Decision Tree](#) and [Guidance for Mitigation](#)
- ii. Coordinate with local health department officials
- iii. Dismiss students and staff for two -five days to allow DOH to assess the situation and its implications
- iv. Communicate with staff, parents, and students
- v. Clean and disinfect using CDC protocols

## **F. Diagnostic and screening testing**

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the potential risk of exposure to our employees, we will be requiring employees to complete a Global Compliance Network (GCN) on-line professional learning video and complete a self-screening which includes a temperature reading and answering a set of questions related to COVID-19 symptoms including:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19

All screening information will be kept confidential by Human Resources and the school nursing staff.

- Employees who will be attending work will complete this form. [Daily Self Check-Employees](#)
- For students/staff who will be returning to school, they must complete this form over the two weeks prior to the school start date to track symptoms and to ensure health status when returning to school/work- [Two Week Pre-Screen Before School](#)

All staff and students will have daily temperature checks and Covid 19 screenings upon arrival.

- Anyone wishing to attend a District or School event must complete this form: [Pre-Screen Self Assessment for Events](#)

## **G. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible**

- Provided staff with opportunities to receive vaccinations and schedule appointments through a partnership with local Rite Aids (March 2021), Camden County Dept of Health (March 2021) and school hosted vaccination clinics (May 2021).
- Permitted teachers to leave school during the work day to obtain vaccination.
- Hosted vaccination clinics for students at all three high schools: Triton High School – May 20, 2021; second shot is June 10, 2021; Highland High School – May 21; second shot is June 14, 2021; Timber Creek High School – May 21; second shot is June 14, 2021

## **H. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies**

Student modifications, accommodations and related services, as outlined in student IEPs, will continue to be implemented as indicated. In the event that there are components of the IEP that cannot be met, a meeting will be held to determine what additional services are necessary or if changes need to be made to the IEP. We will continue to coordinate with various service providers to ensure that all services are provided, as expected.

[For Evaluations and Testing Protocol, click here.](#)

## **2. Ensuring Continuity of Services**

BHPRSD developed a COVID19 Return to School Committee to organize and develop systems in place for the district's reopening. The committee members were selected from various departments and grade levels to get a diverse set of knowledge and skills. The committee members were then divided out into sub-committees. As a whole, the committee met regularly every Monday in May. Each sub-committee met one time a week as decided by the committee. A committee chairperson was selected to be the spokesperson for the team and keep detailed notes for reporting. The school counselors provided resources for parents and teachers to access. The counselors work with students individually and in small groups to address any well-being needs. The counselors sent out a student and staff survey at the beginning of the school year. This survey allows for individuals to give feedback on how to develop a stronger outreach program and support their needs.

## **3. Public Comment**

Public Board of Education meetings were held in person and virtually/remotely so that parents could understand the Return to School Plan. Additionally, presentations were uploaded and presented on a COVID specific webpage. Letters were sent home and surveys were opened to the public. See COVID webpage: <https://sites.google.com/bhprsd.org/bhprsd-covid/home>

The District followed a Camden County approved template so that all County Schools had very similar formats. When released at public meetings, on the webpage, or when saved as presentations, we never received any concerns about the understandability of the document and its contents. We even developed an FAQ and organized its content, along with any updates on our webpage. <https://sites.google.com/bhprsd.org/bhprsd-covid/home>