

BEXLEY CITY SCHOOLS

BACK TO SCHOOL

2020-21



This document was last updated on August 5, 2020 and is subject to change based on public health guidance. We acknowledge that there is some risk when students and staff occupy school facilities.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - AUGUST 24

*Teachers and staff will attend professional development and training beginning August 17-21. Teachers and staff will report in person.

CURRENT LEARNING PLAN: Distance Learning

The district recommends distance learning be in place until such time as data and guidance from FCPH indicates BCS can transition to a different plan. All updates will be posted on the district's website at:

bexleyschools.org/backtoschool20-21.aspx

BEXLEY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT LEARNING PLANS

The active learning plans are determined in partnership with Franklin County Public Health and will consider local data including: county alert level, case rates, positivity rates and trend data.

ALL IN	HYBRID	DISTANCE
<p>All In Plan All students in school Monday–Friday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 3 feet social distance in classrooms and cafeteria.• Follow all risk mitigating protocols.	<p>Hybrid Learning Hybrid Plan K-12: A Group/B Group, 2 days in-person instruction, 3 days distance learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 feet social distance in classrooms and cafeteria.• Follow all risk mitigating protocols.	<p>Distance Learning All students learn from home Monday–Friday.</p>

- **All In Plan**—In person with 3 feet of social distancing and the health and safety guidelines outlined in this document.
- **Hybrid Plan**—2 days of in-person instruction for K-12 students attending in A Group and B Group, 3 days of distanced instruction provided during the time learning from home.
- **Distance Learning**—All remote learning taught by Bexley City Schools teachers.

HYBRID LEARNING PLAN

When possible, Bexley City Schools will move to a hybrid learning plan. Shifting to a hybrid learning plan will be determined in partnership with Franklin County Public Health and will consider local data including: county alert level, case rates, positivity rates and trend data. Families will be placed into a group and attend on the schedule below.*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Group A in person*	Group A in person*	Distance Learning for both Group A and Group B	Group B in person*	Group B in person*
Group B Distance Learning.*	Group B Distance Learning.*		Group A Distance Learning.*	Group A Distance Learning.*

**The district will ensure all students in a household are in the same group, even when there are multiple last names. Building principals will make final assignments and notify families.*

WHEN WILL THE LEARNING PLAN CHANGE?

PLEASE NOTE: A VARIETY OF OTHER HEALTH AND SAFETY FACTORS COULD IMPACT A CLASSROOM, BUILDING OR DISTRICT CAPABILITY TO OPERATE AND MAY NECESSITATE THE NEED TO TRANSITION BETWEEN LEARNING SCENARIOS. FAMILIES SHOULD PLAN FOR ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CASE PLANS CHANGE WITH LITTLE NOTICE LIKE THEY DID ON MARCH 11, 2020.

- In consultation with Franklin County Public Health, Bexley City Schools will respond immediately to a heightened severity of local conditions that requires more distancing or remote learning to contain the spread of COVID-19 in our community.
- Any shift to a more in-person learning will be considered and determined when data and guidance from FCPH indicates BCS can transition to a different plan. Public health officials recommend at least 4 weeks of downward trending data before making a shift. A shift to more in-person learning will include a multi-week transition period.
- Bexley City Schools understands this unique approach to learning requires flexibility of our students, families and staff in order to provide the safest learning environment to students and staff while the coronavirus is spreading.

BEXLEY E-LEARNING ACADEMY

- When Bexley City Schools is operating under an all distance learning plan, all students will receive instruction from their assigned Bexley City Schools teacher.
- When Bexley City Schools returns to an in-person learning plan (hybrid or all-in), the Bexley E-Learning Academy option will be offered to any K-12 student who chooses not to return.
- Instruction will be delivered either by a Bexley City Schools teacher or a fully vetted third-party. All students will have the direct support of a Bexley staff member to ensure a high-quality experience.
- Students in the E-Learning Academy remain enrolled in Bexley City Schools.

HEALTH & SAFETY

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOLS APPLY TO EVERY OPTION WHERE STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE ON CAMPUS IN ANY CAPACITY.

Safe and Clean Learning Environment

- Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout all buildings.
- Cleaning protocol based on CDC guidelines.
- New equipment purchased to expedite the disinfection process.
- Regular and daily disinfecting of all work areas, counters, restrooms, door knobs, and stair railings.
- Daily cleaning of hallways, common areas, and the outside of lockers.

Student and Staff Health

COVID-19 Positive Protocol

If a staff member or student tests positive for COVID-19, they should follow the directions and guidance from their medical provider and report positive test results to the school nurse and/or supervisor.

Bexley City Schools will follow current CDC guidelines for responding to positive cases.

All decisions regarding exposure, quarantine, and return to work or school will be made in joint discussion with Franklin County Public Health.

Self Screening for COVID-19

All employees and students should self-screen daily for the COVID-19 symptoms below. If you exhibit one or more of these symptoms, stay home. Students should contact the school nurse and employees should contact their supervisor. In addition, each employee and student will self-monitor for the following symptoms:

- A fever of 100.4°F or higher
- Respiratory symptoms, such as dry cough or shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Body aches and/or fatigue
- Chills
- Loss of taste or smell, gastrointestinal symptoms

All employees and students must review the Bexley Health Pledge stating that he/she will timely report any known or potential exposures to COVID-19 to your school nurse or supervisor.

**The potential symptoms of COVID-19 continue to be identified. Please contact your medical care provider with any questions on possible symptoms.*

Other Illnesses

Staff members and parents should consult their health care provider regarding other illnesses they may be experiencing and contact their supervisor or school nurse for guidance on when to return to school.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Face Coverings



- All staff members and students will be required to wear a face mask in school buildings, outside school buildings when on school grounds and on buses.
- Staff and students are permitted and encouraged to bring their own face masks. If needed, face masks will be provided by the district.
- Face masks should be worn horizontally, covering nose, mouth and chin at all times.
- Medical exemptions may apply, students and staff may contact your principal or direct supervisor.
- Staff members may wear face shields in certain classroom scenarios.

Training

- Professional development will be provided at the start of the school year to staff on symptoms and screening measures. 
- Parents/Guardians and students will also be offered virtual training on how to adhere to the district's updated health and safety measures.

Seating Plans

- Will be required on buses, in classrooms and in the cafeteria. Siblings will be seated together on buses. 

Food Deliveries

- No outside food deliveries will be permitted for staff or students. 

Social Distancing

- Social distancing of at least six feet will be maintained in classroom settings and the cafeteria during the hybrid learning plan. 

Hand Washing

- Will occur frequently throughout the day by staff and students. 
- Hand sanitizer will be available inside each classroom and students and staff are expected to sanitize when they enter and leave the classroom.
- Hand sanitizer stations will also be available throughout the buildings in high traffic areas such as building entrances and exits.

Water Bottles

- All students and staff are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle daily. 
- Water fountains will be turned off. Water bottle filling stations will remain available. Additional water bottle filling stations will be installed throughout the district.

Additional Clinic Locations

- A quarantine room will be available in each building for any student with symptoms while they wait to be picked up by a family member. 

Stay Home if You're Sick

- Families are expected to screen their children prior to the start of school each day. Students exhibiting any of the COVID-19 symptoms above should stay home in compliance with the Bexley Health Pledge. 

WHAT TO EXPECT AT BEXLEY SCHOOLS

THIS INFORMATION WILL CONTINUE TO CHANGE AS WE LEARN MORE INFORMATION AND DEVELOP PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES. PLEASE CONTINUE TO MONITOR OUR UPDATES.

Back to School Events

- Events will primarily be held virtually; any events held in-person will require face coverings by all attendees.



Field Trips and Events

- Until further notice, no external field trips or public gatherings will be permitted in our buildings.



Classroom

- Changes will be made in order to create more personal space such as removing unnecessary furniture, spreading out work stations and rearranging desks and tables to face the same direction.
- All students will be required to immediately report to their classroom upon entering the buildings and will not be permitted to congregate in hallways or common areas.
- We will minimize the sharing of supplies in all classrooms.
- Teachers are encouraged to utilize outdoor learning when possible. Face coverings will be required outside when adequate social distance is not possible.



Visitors and Volunteers

- Once school is in session, no visitors or volunteers will be allowed in buildings until further notice.



Cafeteria/Lunch Adjustments

- Elementary students will eat in their classroom and are encouraged to bring their own lunch.
- Middle school students will eat in shifts.
- High school students will still have open lunch.
- Students eligible for Free and Reduced lunch will be offered meals while learning remotely during hybrid and distance learning.
- No salad bar will be available in the cafeteria.
- Sharing food is prohibited.
- More details about physical distancing plan in the cafeteria to come.



Arrival/Dismissal

- Students will have designated doors for arrival and dismissal and staggered entry and exit times.



Recess

- K-8 will have daily recess, weather permitting with updated procedures and protocols. More details will be available prior to the start of the year.
- Additional procedures for recess will be developed and shared prior to the start of the school year.
- Students will not be allowed to use the playground equipment and may not bring their own equipment.
- Wash or sanitize hands before and after recess.



Before and After School Programming (Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

- Each activity and program will be assessed on an individual and on-going basis on the ability to adhere to state and local health and safety procedures.

