

# **BRUCEVILLE-EDDY ISD**

## **(2021-2022) SCHOOL YEAR**

### **OPERATIONAL PLAN**

***(September 3, 2021) – Please understand that this document is subject to change based on revised guidance from Federal, State, and Local authorities)***

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#### **Introduction**

Bruceville-Eddy ISD is committed to providing the best academic instruction to our students and at the same time provide a physically safe environment as possible under the current conditions. BEISD recognizes that this school year will come with new challenges for our students and staff, we will embrace the opportunity as presented and do our very best to create a positive experience for our students.

BEISD will only be offering **in-person instruction** for our students for the 21-22 school year. Our goal is to return to a traditional daily academic schedule blended with guidelines to keep our staff and students as safe as possible through mitigation procedures. Remote learning will not be offered at any time for students. Remote learning is no longer funded by the TEA.

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#### **FACE-TO-FACE/IN-PERSON LEARNING**

The most important aspect of students returning to actual school buildings for In-Person/Face-to-Face Instruction will be the commitment by BEISD to ensure the health and safety of staff and students. BEISD will use the recommendations of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the State and Local Health Departments to guide the protocols in this plan.

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#### **SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTIONAL SETTINGS**

As it has always been, the health and safety of our staff and students remain our highest priority. While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the current science suggests there are steps that schools can take to reduce the risks of students, staff, and their families.

All students/staff will receive instruction during the first days of school on appropriate hygiene practices and mitigation strategies and will be reinforced throughout the school year. We know that our students/staff will embrace doing their part to keep their home and school families safe.

BEISD facilities will have the necessary cleaning and sanitizing supplies needed to ensure that students and staff will be operating in the best possible environment.

### **General Safety Guidelines:**

- Mitigation procedures such as (hand washing and social distancing (3 feet) will be practiced).
- Masks will be *optional* for any student or staff member.
- Students riding buses will be reminded of social distancing and proper hygiene.
- Classrooms, cafeterias, libraries, locker rooms....etc. will have enhanced cleaning schedules.
- Pre-screening for symptoms at home daily for students/staff is recommended.
- Stay at home if you are sick....communicate with the school so we can work together on mitigation procedures.
- **Positive COVID-19 tests must be reported to the school.**

### **COVID-19 Guidelines:**

- A school administrator shall exclude from attendance any individual (staff/students) **having** or **suspected of having** COVID-19. Parents must ensure they do not send a student to school if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19, until the conditions for re-entry are met. Exclusion shall continue until the readmission criteria for the conditions are met. The readmission criteria for COVID-19 is as follows:
  - If symptomatic, exclude the individual until at least 10 days have passed since the first symptom appeared;
  - Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications (fever must be below 100 degrees Fahrenheit);
  - Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms must stay home until at least 10 days after they were tested.

- If an individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the guidelines (10 days), the individual must either: a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or, b) receive a confirmation that they are free from COVID-19 via a negative test from an approved testing center for COVID-19.
  - Per new TEA health guidelines (9-2-2021), household contacts are required to stay at home for quarantine (10 days). Close contacts will be communicated to parents/staff/students to ensure they are aware of the conditions.
  - Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, schools must notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a classroom or extracurricular or after-school program cohort if a test-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers/staff who participated in those classrooms or cohorts.
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## **BEISD (CLEANING AND SANITATION PLAN)**

- Germ-Blast will be sanitizing the district three times throughout the school year.
- Cleaning and disinfecting supplies will be available to all staff to use throughout the school day.
- Hand sanitizer and/or hand washing stations will be available to all students.
- Cleaning cloth and/or wipes along with disinfectant will be provided in each classroom and common area to be used throughout the day to maximize room cleanliness.
- All staff members will have access to disinfectant spray/wipes to sanitize student work areas periodically during breaks in instruction.
- BEISD custodial staff will have access to electrostatic disinfectant devices for quick clean ups.
- Cleaning products will be stored securely to ensure students do not have access to them.
- Whenever possible staff will open windows/doors to improve air flow throughout the buildings.
- Signage will be utilized to promote appropriate health and hygiene for staff and students.