

Barron County Schools • 2020 Reopening Plan

Reopening Plan Overview

- School will reopen 5 days per week
- Added health and safety precautions will be in place
- Modifications will be in place to provide more physical distancing to the extent possible

Three levels of instructional delivery will be considered due to COVID-19 and will be determined by the threat of the virus either within a classroom, building or the community:

On-Site/In-Person

Teachers and students will follow their typical schedule

- Classroom furniture will be arranged to maximize physical distancing
- Learning experiences may be modified or removed if they require close contact for prolonged periods of time
- All operational protocols and expectations as described in this plan will be followed

Individual Distance Learning

For a variety of reasons, students may experience learning at home while on-site learning continues for most students. This may be a result of quarantines or other illness

- Individual distance learning provides synchronous (real-time) access to scheduled classroom experiences that are live-streamed and/or recorded
- Devices provided by school district
- Traditional grading will continue

Virtual Learning

Virtual learning will take place when entire classrooms, grade levels or school buildings are closed

- All students impacted by the closure will become virtual learners and engage in instruction remotely
- Teachers will live stream instruction from their classroom
- Online instruction will follow a schedule that closely matches the student's typical schedule
- Students must attend class virtually and attendance will be taken
- District devices will be provided for all students in grades K-12
- Traditional grading will continue

Essential business only • If you are a parent, guardian or visitor, we are requesting that you enter the building only if you have essential business to conduct. No casual visitors will be allowed.

General building/facility guidelines

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from no symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

Students will be sent home if they are experiencing ANY of the symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Muscle or body aches
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- New or change in cough

If students are experiencing multiple symptoms listed below, staff may send the student home:

- Congestion or runny nose
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

Any students or staff with symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school and should seek medical attention. Any students or staff members experiencing these symptoms at school should report to their building office immediately. Students or staff experiencing multiple symptoms will be directed to their healthcare provider. Any students or staff with symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school.

These plans were developed in cooperation with Barron County Department of Public Health. Our school districts reserve the right to update/change any of these guidelines as determined necessary in their ongoing cooperation with Public Health and the Department of Public Instruction.

Face Coverings • Students and staff will be provided with a cotton face-mask upon request. Face coverings are strongly recommended for all students and staff in areas where adequate physical distancing is not feasible. Families are required to wash masks depending on the level of use. Disposable face masks are available in all office locations.

Student transportation • Physical distancing will be practiced to the extent possible on our school buses. Students will be assigned seats on each bus based on the order of pickup. Siblings will be required to sit together to allow more space between groups. Student friends/visitors will not be allowed to ride buses. Transportation is restricted to those living on the route or those attending a childcare facility, baby-sitter, etc. Families that can provide transportation for students will be encouraged to do so. Hand sanitizer stations will be available on each bus.

Food service procedures • Modifications will be made when schedules and logistics allow to reduce the number of students eating in the cafeteria at one time. Students will wash hands prior to entering the service line or cafeteria. Students will also be trained on how to go through the service line and spots will be marked on the floor for distancing while in the lunch line. Lunch staff will assist in ensuring students practice social distancing in the lunch line.

Student supplies • There will be limited use of community bins of markers, pencils or other school supplies within the classrooms. Students will be expected to have individual supplies.

Family responsibilities

Parents/families must not send children to school if they have a fever or are displaying any of the related COVID-19 symptoms. Families should make plans for daily morning monitoring. Any students with symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school.

- When in doubt, keep your child home and consult with your family physician.
- Backpacks and school supplies should be cleaned frequently.
- We ask that you review our transportation plan with your child, so they understand the importance of our new procedures.
- Please thoroughly read any and all updates that may come to you in a timely manner.

Cleaning Procedures

Maintenance/custodial departments will be working at each building level to develop a plan for increased cleaning and sanitation. This plan will take the following into considerations:

- Guidance from CDC and Public Health
- A focus on high use areas
- A balance between what can be done with custodial staff vs. non-custodial staff
- Use of proper cleaning supplies for respective areas

All District buses will be sanitized at least once daily.

Field trips and extra-curricular activities will be determined as per WIAA guidance.

Field trips and extra-curricular requests will be based off County COVID-19 risk level, COVID-19 risk level of field trip location, travel distance, indoor vs. outdoor activity, extent of potential contact with students from other communities. Any student or family member are free to choose not to attend without repercussions of any form.

Water fountains • All bubblers on drinking fountains will be blocked off. Water filling stations will remain open and students and staff will be encouraged to bring personal water bottles at all levels. Students will be allowed to have water bottles in all classrooms.

Classroom physical distancing • Classroom desks will be spaced out in accordance with health guidelines to the extent possible. Any unnecessary classroom furniture will be removed from classrooms to allow for room for additional physical distancing and for sanitation purposes.

Recess procedures • Students will wash hands and sanitize immediately after coming in from recess. Modifications will be made when schedules and logistics allow to reduce the number of students on the playground at one time.

Facility use • The public may request permission to use our building and grounds according to our predetermined facilities usage procedures. However, at the present time, we are restricting facility usage to school/student groups only. We reserve the right to deny any request based on health and/or safety considerations.

- Volunteer(s) - No volunteers are allowed in buildings until further notice