



The Benton Area School District's health and safety reopening plan is being developed based on the district's capability to follow the state, local, and federal guidelines; however, the plan is developed to reduce the risk, but does not completely eliminate risks and exposure.

What if our family is not comfortable with sending our child/children back to school?

There will be two options available to families:

- 100% In-Person Instruction: Your child can attend school in-person using social distancing and personal protective equipment.
- 100% Online Instruction: Your child can attend school remotely utilizing the district's teachers and curriculum.

What are the school beginning and dismissal times?

- At the elementary school, school will begin at 8:00 a.m. and dismissal will be at 2:15 p.m.
- At the MS/HS level, school will begin at 8:00 a.m. and dismissal will be at 2:21 p.m.
- To avoid overcrowding in areas, please do not drop your child off until 7:50 a.m. at both buildings.

What social distancing and face coverings will be used to protect students and staff?

- In accordance with the government mandate, face coverings will be required when not able to maintain six feet distance between students and staff. This includes activities such as moving in the hallways, using lockers, and moving through the lunch line, and in certain classrooms where six feet cannot be maintained, etc.
- Students, faculty, and staff have the option to wear face coverings at other times if they desire to do so.
- Additional personal protective equipment, hand sanitizer, and sanitizing wipes will be available in every classroom throughout the district.

Will the BASD allow things like physical education, recess, technology education classes, group work, etc.?

- The BASD will allow these activities as long as proper social distancing can occur and may require face coverings if the distance cannot be maintained.
- At the elementary level, all specials will be held in classrooms or outside, weather permitting.

- Efforts will be made to minimize the sharing of materials and equipment.
- Materials and equipment will be cleaned between uses.

Will the BASD clean and disinfect buildings?

- Additional equipment was purchased to enhance our staff's ability to disinfect and sanitize areas throughout the day and every night.
- The staff will work to clean and disinfect common areas and objects throughout the day.
- The staff will work to clean and disinfect classrooms in the evenings.

What will the procedures be for school buses?

- Parents have the option to and are encouraged to transport their child to school.
- Buses will be disinfected daily.
- Face coverings and assigned seating will be required on buses.
- Windows and roof hatches will be opened whenever possible to allow for the best ventilation.

Where will students eat breakfast and lunch?

- In the elementary school, breakfast will be "grab and go" and eaten in either the classroom or cafeteria. Lunches will be eaten in the cafeteria.
- In the middle/high school, breakfast will be "grab and go" and eaten in the cafeteria. Lunches will be spread out between the cafeteria, outside, and the auditorium.