

BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

BUILDING REOPENING PLAN OVERVIEW



Introduction

Welcome to Bellbrook High School 20-21! We are looking forward to seeing everyone again in the fall! As you can imagine, there will be numerous changes when we return to school. In order to bring students back into school in the most safe way possible, we will require the cooperation of all parents, students, and staff. Using guidelines provided by Gov. Dewine, parental input, and in collaboration with Greene County Public Health and the other Greene County School Districts, Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools is planning for a full return of all students to school in the fall of 2020 on our normal return dates. Preventative measures such as physical distancing, daily health checks, and the use of face coverings are essential in order to lessen the spread of Covid 19. Please read and reread the following protocols for returning to school. Unfortunately, without a vaccine, all of our prevention measures cannot eliminate the risk of contracting the virus. Sending your student to school (or anywhere else) is a calculated risk. It will take all of us (parents, students, and staff) working together to create a relatively safe learning environment. We must be prepared to change and adapt expectations and methods as we go forward. No one knows what the future will bring but know that we will do all that we can to provide the best and safest educational environment for our students and staff.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities & General Information

- All students are required to conduct a COVID-19 symptom self assessment BEFORE coming to school. This includes temperature taking at home and assessing COVID-19 symptoms.
- **Any student or staff with one or more of the following symptoms should stay home:**
 - A fever of 100.4° F or higher / chills
 - Shortness of breath / difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headaches
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Cough
 - An epidemiological link to a case of COVID-19
- Families are required to notify school if they have been exposed to COVID-19 and are quarantined, or if a family member has been diagnosed with or presumed to have COVID-19 and/or is being isolated; Should students exhibit symptoms while physically attending school, they must report to the clinic, be required to wear a face mask and any adults interacting with them should be required to wear a face mask. Those showing symptoms should be required to go home at the earliest convenience.
- **Personnel and students with confirmed or presumed COVID-19 must meet these conditions prior to returning to school:**
[Click here for Greene County Public Health Standard Operating Guidelines \(SOG\) if a student, teacher, staff member, etc. is diagnosed with a positive COVID-19 test result.](#)

To return to school after a confirmed case of COVID-19, the student must be transported to school by the parent AND must be checked by the school nurse.

****Any other illness should be handled in the routine manner as prescribed in district policies.****

- High touch surface areas will be sanitized frequently. (stair handrails, door handles, counters, desks, tables, chairs, lavatories, computers, books, etc.). Cleaning and disinfection will be done between class changes (if applicable), between groups in the cafeteria (when utilized), and after each school day. The sharing of supplies and equipment will be limited whenever possible.
- Provide a face covering/mask for your student to wear when needed for school and the school bus. *We will be requiring face coverings (mask or face shield).*for all students in grades K-12.* This is another layer of preventative measures to help limit our exposure to and spread of COVID-19.
- Provide your student with a water bottle for personal use. Water fountains will be off limits. Bottle filling stations will be available.
- Staff and students are expected to maintain physical distancing (at least 6 feet apart) among all persons on school grounds whenever possible. Visual cues (i.e. floor markings) will be used where appropriate.
- No visitors will be given access into the school building and will be limited to the office lobby except for emergency situations (this includes volunteers) All visitors must wear a mask at all times while in the school or standing near the school during arrival/dismissal. If you need to schedule a meeting, please notify the school of your preference to attend meetings via phone or using a remote platform. Please follow posted guidelines and read all signage whenever entering the building.
- Ensure contact information is up to date in the event the nurse needs to contact home.
- Ensure there are multiple ways of getting a student home from school should they become ill or exhibit symptoms.
- Students are encouraged to pack a lunch if possible to limit the need to stand in line. School lunch options will be limited to “grab and go” options. Seats will be marked with tape and students must sit only in appropriate spaces. Students are not permitted to congregate in the hallway or in the restrooms. Visual cues will be placed on floors to help keep social distancing while in the lunch line. Food delivery from restaurants, delivery services/apps is prohibited.
- Students should arrive at school no sooner than 8:05 am and should report directly to their 1st period class. Students who arrive at school must wear face coverings and maintain social distance while they wait for the opening bell. Students are not permitted to congregate in hallways or in the restrooms. If unable to get into the 1st period classroom, students should move to open spacious areas such as the cafeterias or lobby. Follow all directions from supervising staff. All students must leave school promptly at the end of the day.
- All BHS students with 1st/last period study halls may apply for late entry/ early dismissal from school.

Student Responsibilities and General Information

- Students must wear a face covering at all times. This is another layer of preventative measures to help limit our exposure to and spread of COVID-19.
- Students must wear face coverings and maintain social distance in all hallways. Lockers will NOT be assigned to start the school year. Students will be permitted to carry backpacks to classes in order to limit the need to go to/congregate at lockers. No restroom usage between classes, students will be permitted to use restrooms during class in a controlled manner.
- Hand sanitizer will be readily available in classrooms and hallways. Students are also encouraged to bring their own. Students will use hand sanitizer upon entering the building, before and after lunch, and upon entering a classroom. Students may be given cleaning supplies to wipe down their desks at the start/end of class.
- Staff and students are expected to maintain physical distancing (at least 6 feet apart) among all persons on school grounds whenever possible. Visual cues (i.e. floor markings) will be used where appropriate.
- Carry a water bottle. Water fountains will be off limits. Bottle filling stations will be available.
- Stay to the right when traveling down hallways and using stairs.
- When using school transportation (athletics, GCCC, music): Sit two per seat on the bus, sit only in your assigned seat, and remain seated, facing forward. You must wear a mask while riding the bus.
- Cafeteria Procedures: Lunch will be divided into three lunch periods. Students should pack a lunch if possible to limit the need to stand in line. School lunch options will be limited “grab and go.” If packing lunch, report directly to your designated seating area. Cafeteria seating will be spread out with additional seating outdoors and throughout the lobby to allow for additional spacing. Seats will be marked with tape and students must sit only in appropriate spaces. Students should remain in their seats and are not permitted to congregate in the hallways or in the restrooms. Visual cues will be placed on floors to help keep social distancing while in the lunch line. Food delivery from restaurants, delivery services, apps is prohibited. Wearing a mask is required when in line or moving around the cafeteria. Remove mask only when actively eating/drinking. Restroom use will be limited during lunch, follow guidelines for restroom use during lunch periods.
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Staff Expectations

- Ensure classroom setup of desks maintains as much physical distancing for students as possible. Ensure students use proper sanitization before and during class.
- Wear a face covering
- Keep the classroom door open to maximize airflow and reduce the number of touches to door handles.
- Use supplies provided to disinfect/clean desks, chairs, and any common materials needed before new students transition into the room.
- Eliminate shared classroom materials. Paperless as much as possible
- Supervise hallways and common areas to ensure students are reporting immediately to class and not congregating in hallways or common areas. Provide reminders, issue warnings, contact parents/caregivers, and report repeated violators to the office.
- Staff will be trained on the importance of safety protocols including proper handwashing, physical distancing, appropriate use of facemasks, cough and sneeze etiquette, and the importance of staying home when sick or displaying symptoms will be taught to students.

Administrative considerations

- Ensure classroom setups provide as much physical distancing for students as possible.
- Ensure classrooms/desks are disinfected between classes and after school.
- Ensure supplies are available for custodians and teaching staff.
- Ensure proper signage is installed in hallways and common areas.
- Hold violators accountable.
- Eliminate parent and community volunteers to ensure safety and health of students and staff.
- Provide parents/caregivers with options phone and/or video conferencing.
- Ensure physical space used for meetings allows for distancing guidelines.
- Monitor and adapt to new or changing requirements/guidelines set forth by federal, state, and local agencies.