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**Bellevue Community School District  
Return to Learn Plan  
August 2022**

# RETURN TO LEARN PLAN/RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

## Bellevue CSD 2021-2022 Operational Plan - August 18, 2022 Update

August 18, 2021

**PLEASE NOTE: THE BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO UPDATE OUR RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN EVERY SIX MONTHS. RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN THIS PLAN ARE FLUID AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ALL FINAL DECISIONS ABOUT SCHOOL OPERATIONAL PLANS WILL CONTINUE TO BE INFORMED BY THE MOST RECENT LOCAL HEALTH DATA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE IDPH, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. ULTIMATELY, SPECIFIC DETAILS COULD CHANGE AT ANY TIME BASED ON GUIDANCE FROM HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AT THE STATE LEVEL AND OTHERS IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS.**

Bellevue CSD will be providing full on-site instruction for all students in the district's two buildings for the 2022-23 school year. This plan will be re-evaluated and updated as necessary based on guidance from the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Department of Education.

All students in grades Preschool through 12th Grade will attend on-campus for on-site instruction. Students will attend school Monday through Friday following the Bellevue CSD 2022-2023 School Calendar approved in March of 2022. All students and staff will follow a typical school schedule. Remote Learning option will not be offered for the 2022-23 school year, unless there are extenuating circumstances with health concerns with the student's family documented by a medical official (along with being involved in online learning last school year in most cases). The district will continue enhanced cleaning and sanitization protocols throughout the school day in each building to help prevent the spread of any illness.

### **On-site, In-Person Instruction**

Bellevue CSD will resume using all existing classroom and resource space for instruction. Current health/safety social distancing recommended guidelines will be implemented whenever possible and accommodations will be made if/when necessary.

### **Temporary Remote Learning Plan**

While this is not an expected outcome for the 22-23 school year, a Temporary Remote Learning plan will be implemented for up to 14 days if directed by the Iowa Department of Education and/or Iowa Department of Public Health. Such plans may be implemented at the classroom, grade, or school level based on guidance from the public health department. Student learning will continue online through the remote period. In these cases, students will be provided synchronous and/or asynchronous required online learning activities for core academic areas. Students will be provided a device and access as necessary.

## HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES

### Face Coverings (face masks)

- Face coverings will be OPTIONAL for students, staff, and visitors throughout the day.

### Independent Health Screening

As always, the Bellevue CSD will continue to encourage daily health screening practices for students and staff. A medical doctor may need to be consulted in order to determine the overall health status of individuals who have the following symptoms:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea or other gastrointestinal symptoms

In addition, the Appendix at the end of the document includes information on “Common Childhood Illnesses and Exclusion Criteria for Education and Child Care Settings”.

### Hand Washing/Sanitizing

As has been known for many years, health guidelines indicate that individuals should wash their hands for at least 20 seconds regularly after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing, before/after eating, and other similar times.

## COVID-19 POSITIVE CASE PROCEDURES

### Stay at Home Guidelines/Exclusion Criteria for Education Settings (Iowa Department of Public Health Guidance)

Students and staff who have tested positive for Covid-19 are excluded from school for 5 days after symptoms start and 24 hours with no fever and improved symptoms (may return with a face covering after 5 days or two negative COVID tests) OR 10 days after positive test (if no symptoms). The district will follow (and adjust to) the guidance from the Jackson County Health Department and the Iowa Department of Public Health (see appendix).

### Positive Test Communication Protocol (In the event of a positive test case):

- The staff/student needs to stay home.

#### Other

- Staff members are responsible for contacting their direct supervisor upon learning of a positive test or if they have been exposed and are experiencing symptoms.

## SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Students exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19, while at school, will be sent to the school nurse's office for further evaluation. Normal nurse's office procedures and treatments will continue daily. COVID-19 symptomatic staff and students may utilize an isolated space in the school building. The number of students in the nurse's office will be regulated at all times, following social distancing guidelines.

### APPENDIX



#### COMMON CHILD ILLNESSES AND EXCLUSION CRITERIA FOR EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE SETTINGS

A child should be temporarily excluded from an education or child care setting when the child's illness causes one or more of the following:

- Prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities.
- A need for care that is greater than the staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children.
- An acute change in behavior: lethargy, lack of responsiveness, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, or a quickly spreading rash.
- Fever with behavior change or other signs and symptoms in a child older than 2 months (e.g., sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea).
- For infants younger than 2 months of age, a fever with or without a behavior change or other signs and symptoms.
- A child with a temperature elevated above normal is not necessarily an indication of a significant health problem. A fever is defined as:
  - For an infant or child older than 2 months, a fever is a temperature that is above 101 degrees F [38.3 degrees C] by any method.
  - For infants younger than 2 months of age a fever is a temperature above 100.4 degrees F [38 degrees C] by any method.
  - Temperature readings do not require adjustment for the location where the temperature is taken.
  - In education settings please refer to your district's policy regarding fever definition.

ILLNESS	EXCLUDE	RETURN TO CHILD CARE/SCHOOL
Chicken Pox	Yes.	When all blisters are crusted with no oozing (usually 6 days) and resolution of exclusion criteria.
COVID-19	Yes.	10 days after symptoms start and 24 hours with no fever and improved symptoms OR 10 days after positive test (if no symptoms).
Diarrhea (infectious)	Yes (there are special exclusion rules for <i>E.coli</i> 0157.H7, <i>Shigella</i> and cryptosporidiosis).	When diarrhea stops and health care provider and public health official states the child may return.

Diarrhea (non-infectious)	Yes, if stool cannot be contained in the diaper, or if toileted child has 2 or more loose stools in 24 hours, or blood in stool.	When diarrhea stops and resolution of exclusion criteria.
Fifth Disease	No. Unless child meets other exclusion criteria.	If excluded due to presence of other exclusion criteria, resolution of exclusion criteria.
Hand and Mouth	No. Unless child meets other exclusion criteria. Or is excessively drooling with mouth sores.	If excluded due to presence of other exclusion criteria, resolution of exclusion criteria.
Head Lice (Pediculosis)	No. Unless child meets other exclusion criteria.	Treatment of an active lice infestation may be delayed until the end of the day. Children do not need to miss school or child care due to head lice. Treatment recommendations can be found here: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/treatment.html">https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/treatment.html</a>
Impetigo	Yes, exclude at the end of the day if blisters can be covered.	After child has been seen by the doctor, after 24 hours on antibiotic, and blisters are covered.
Influenza	Yes.	When child is fever free for 24 hours and resolution of exclusion criteria.
Molluscum Contagiosum	No. Unless child meets other exclusion criteria.	Skin disease similar to warts. Do not share towels or clothing and use good hand hygiene.
MRSA	No. Unless child meets other exclusion criteria.	Wounds should be kept covered and gloves worn during bandage changes. Do not share towels or clothing and use good hand hygiene.
Otitis Media (ear infection)	No. Unless child meets other exclusion criteria.	If excluded due to presence of other exclusion criteria, resolution of exclusion criteria.
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	Yes.	Child may return after 5 days of antibiotics and resolution of exclusion criteria.
Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis)	No. Unless child meets other exclusion criteria.	Child does not need to be excluded unless health care provider or public health official recommends exclusion. Resolution of all exclusion criteria.
Ringworm	No. Unless child meets other exclusion criteria.	Treatment of ringworm infection may be delayed to the end of the day. Child may be readmitted after treatment has begun. Cover lesion(s) if possible. Do not share

		clothing, bedding or personal items.
Strep Throat	Yes.	When resolution of exclusion criteria and after 24 hours of antibiotic.
Vomiting	Yes.	When vomiting has resolved and resolution of exclusion criteria.

Please refer to Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards (Online Database) <https://nrckids.org/CFOC> or the Iowa Department of Public Health EPI Manual <https://wiki.idph.iowa.gov/epimanual> for guidance on specific diseases not included in this list. Contact your local Child Care Nurse Consultant <https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants> for additional information.

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