

# Bristol Local School District

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Dear Families,

As we look forward to starting back to school August 25<sup>th</sup>, I want to take this opportunity to update you on our plans for the upcoming year. The safety of our students, families, and staff is always our first priority. Therefore, our district will adhere to the following guidelines as a minimum standard.

## Physical Health

- Families and staff members will self-screen prior to the school day for symptoms of COVID-19 including fever (100.0 or above), chills, repeated shaking with chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, and/or new loss of taste or smell. These symptoms warrant consideration for exclusion from school, and students and staff should stay home if they exhibit any of these symptoms if not otherwise explained.
- Students will continue having their temperatures checked upon entering the building. The district previously purchased thermal screening systems that enable us to screen students quickly and send them on to class or for further evaluation by the school nurse. We believe this is just an extra layer of protection as we start the school day.

## Environmental Health

- Our goal is to maintain three feet or more of social distancing when possible.
- Masks will be required for bus drivers and for anyone riding the school bus this year. This is due to a federal mandate that all school districts must follow.
- Masks for students and staff inside the buildings will be optional. This will enable families to make the decision to wear a mask or not based on their own preferences. Although this is our current and planned direction, we will continue to monitor our practices and make adjustments if/as directed by the Trumbull County Health Department, Ohio Department of Health and/or the Ohio Department of Education. The district is still required to follow isolation and quarantine protocols similar to last year so those not wearing a mask that come into contact with a positive case could be at greater risk to miss school or extracurricular activities. Therefore, masks could return in the event that there were a high number of cases in the buildings or around the local area.
- Students can expect assigned seating on the bus, in classrooms, and other areas. This will be documented and available to the Trumbull County Health Department upon request.
- High touch areas cleaning areas will be a major focus throughout the day. Hand washing will be the preferred method for hand cleaning and will be encouraged during transitional times. Hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed around the building and in classrooms as well.
- Water fountains will be turned off and students will be encouraged to bring water bottles. Bottle filling stations can be used where available in the elementary and high school.
- Both buildings will identify rooms where symptomatic students can be treated away from the clinic.

We appreciate your support of Bristol Local Schools as we look forward to the 2021-2022 school year. As of now, these are our current plans. However, we may need to alter them along with the guidelines as the year progresses. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,  
Christopher J. Dray  
Superintendent, Bristol Local SD