



BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS: RETURN TO LEARN PLAN 2021-2022

[CDC indicators and thresholds for County Transmission of COVID-19](#)
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| Low Transmission | Moderate Transmission | Substantial Transmission | High Transmission |
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| <i>0 to 9 new cases per 100,000 persons within last 7 days</i> | <i>10 to 49 new cases per 100,000 persons within last 7 days</i> | <i>50 to 99 new cases per 100,000 persons within last 7 days</i> | <i>>100 new cases per 100,000 persons within last 7 days</i> |
| <i><5% of RT-PCR tests that are positive during the last 7 days</i> | <i>5% to < 7.9% of RT-PCR tests that are positive during the last 7 days</i> | <i>8% to 9.9% of RT-PCR tests that are positive during the last 7 days</i> | <i>>10% of RT-PCR tests that are positive during the last 7 days</i> |
| Instructional Format | | | |
| In person | In person | In-person instruction - individual schools or classrooms may be moved to remote instruction | Multiple schools are closed and the District may be closed. Remote Instruction in closed buildings |
| Athletics | | | |
| Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted. | Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted and additional health and safety protocols may be put into place. | Competitions may be paused; practices focus on skills building with increased social distancing required. Health screening and hygiene in place. | Athletic practices and competitions will be suspended. |
| Athletic testing <u>will not be required</u> unless mandated by a local or state agency and/or a sanctioning body. | | | |
| Cleaning & Disinfecting | | | |



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| The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. | The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented. | The district may follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be implemented in classrooms during the day | The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be implemented in classrooms during the day |
| Cohorting | | | |
| Mixing of students will occur | Mixing of students may be restricted in some areas, activities, classrooms, and/or buildings | Mixing of students may be restricted in some areas, activities, classrooms, and/or buildings | Mixing of students will be restricted or will not be allowed in some areas, activities, classrooms and/or buildings |
| COVID Testing | | | |
| COVID testing of students or staff <u>will not be required</u> unless mandated by a local or state agency and/or a sanctioning body. | | | |
| Extracurriculars & Field Trips | | | |
| Extracurricular activities may occur as scheduled | Suspension of extracurricular activities and field trips will be explored and moved upon if needed. | Extracurricular activities and field trips may be suspended. Remote/virtual activities may continue. | Extracurricular activities and field trips will be suspended. Remote/virtual activities may continue. |
| Face Covering (Masks) | | | |
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| Staff, students, volunteers and visitors will not be required to wear face masks. Face coverings are optional. | Staff, students, volunteers and visitors will not be required to wear face masks. Face coverings are optional. | Staff, students, volunteers and visitors may be required to wear face coverings in all areas and for all activities ¹ | Staff, students, volunteers and visitors will be required to wear face coverings in all areas and for all activities ¹ |
| Food Service | | | |
| Normal food service operations | Normal food service operations. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place. | Normal food service operations. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place. | Normal food service operations. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place. |
| Gatherings and Facility Use | | | |
| No restrictions on gatherings or use of facilities | Restrictions on gathering size and/or use of facilities may be implemented. Outside agency use of facilities may be restricted | Restrictions on gathering size and/or use of facilities may be implemented. Outside agency use of facilities may be restricted | Restrictions on gathering size and/or use of facilities will be implemented. No outside agency use of facilities will be allowed |
| Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette | | | |
| Hand Hygiene/Hand Sanitation and Respiratory Etiquette is expected ² | Hand Hygiene/Hand Sanitation and Respiratory Etiquette is expected and additional opportunities for proper hand washing will be available throughout the day. Hand sanitizing will be encouraged when students | Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette is expected and additional opportunities for proper hand washing will be available throughout the day. Hand sanitizing will be required when students leave or enter | Hand Hygiene/Hand Sanitation and Respiratory Etiquette is expected and additional opportunities for proper hand washing will be available throughout the day. Hand sanitizing will be required when students leave |



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| | leave or enter the classroom and other designated areas ² . | the classroom and other designated areas ² . | or enter the classroom and other designated areas ² . |
| Isolation and Quarantine (Staff & Students) | | | |
| <p>Work with BCHD & RESA to support robust case investigation and contact tracing. Provide educational support for students and families who are impacted by isolation and quarantine. Isolation and quarantine will adhere to local public health requirements and operating procedures. Close contact identification will be supported by the school for classroom and athletic based close contact identification.</p> <p>NOTES: Close contact exclusion will be determined by current school operations and policies currently in place for masking and social distancing. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → If districts do not require face masks → Close contact with 6 ft of positive individual will be quarantined for 10 days from last date of contact. Fully vaccinated individuals do not quarantine unless symptomatic. → If districts require face masks → Close contacts within 3 ft of positive individual will be quarantined for 10 days from the last date of contact. Individuals 3 to 6 ft may continue to attend school as long as they do not have symptoms. Fully vaccinated individuals are not quarantined unless symptomatic. | | | |
| Meetings and Conferences | | | |
| In-district/out of district meetings and conferences will be permitted. | In-district/out of district meetings and conferences will be permitted. | In-district/out of district meetings and conferences may be limited or may be suspended. | Only remote/virtual in-district/out of district meetings and conferences will not be permitted. |
| Offices | | | |
| District and building offices will be open for normal school | District and building offices will be open for normal school business. Prioritize visits to minimize office visitor traffic. | District and building offices will remain open. Prioritize visits to minimize office visitor traffic. No building access | District and building offices will remain open. Prioritize visits to minimize office visitor traffic. No building access |



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| business. Visitors and guests are allowed in buildings. | Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place. Visitors and guests are allowed in buildings. | beyond the office will be permitted. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place. | beyond the office will be permitted. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place. |
| Remote/Virtual Learning | | | |
| Students that are quarantined by the health department may gain access to remote learning opportunities as soon as feasible. | Students that are quarantined by the health department may gain access to remote learning opportunities as soon as feasible. | If a classroom or school is closed, all students impacted by the closure will be provided remote learning opportunities throughout the closure. Students that are quarantined by the health department may gain access to remote learning opportunities as soon as feasible. | If a classroom or school is closed, all students impacted by the closure will be provided remote learning opportunities throughout the closure. Students that are quarantined by the health department may gain access to remote learning opportunities as soon as feasible. |
| Social Distancing | | | |
| Feasible social distancing measures in place. | Additional Social Distancing measures may be required. Adjustments to school procedures, schedules, activities, etc. may be made to adjust to the social distancing requirements. | Additional Social Distancing measures may be required. Adjustments to school procedures, schedules, activities, etc. may be made to adjust to the social distancing requirements. | Additional Social Distancing measures will be required. Adjustments to school procedures, schedules, activities, etc. will be made to adjust to the social distancing requirements. |
| Staff Health Screening | | | |



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| <p>Staff members should conduct a daily wellness self-check prior to reporting to work.</p> <p>Daily Wellness Self-Check</p> <p>DO NOT REPORT TO WORK IF YOU ARE SICK.</p> | <p>Staff members should conduct a daily wellness self-check prior to reporting to work and follow the established protocols.</p> <p>Daily Wellness Self-Check</p> <p>DO NOT REPORT TO WORK IF YOU ARE SICK.</p> | <p>Staff members may be required to conduct a daily wellness self-check prior to reporting to work and follow the established protocols.</p> <p>Daily Wellness Self-Check</p> <p>DO NOT REPORT TO WORK IF YOU ARE SICK.</p> | <p>Staff members will be required to conduct a daily wellness self-check prior to reporting to work and follow the established protocols.</p> <p>Daily Wellness Self-Check</p> <p>DO NOT REPORT TO WORK IF YOU ARE SICK.</p> |
| Student Health Screening | | | |
| <p>Parents/guardians should conduct a daily student wellness check prior to sending student to school.</p> <p>DO NOT SEND STUDENT TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SICK. See student illness section.</p> | <p>Parents/guardians should conduct a daily student wellness check prior to sending student to school.</p> <p>DO NOT SEND STUDENT TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SICK. See student illness section.</p> | <p>Parents/guardians should conduct a daily student wellness check prior to sending student to school.</p> <p>DO NOT SEND STUDENT TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SICK. See student illness section.</p> | <p>Parents/guardians should conduct a daily student wellness check prior to sending student to school.</p> <p>DO NOT SEND STUDENT TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SICK. See student illness section.</p> |
| Student Illness | | | |



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| <p>Parents are not to send children to school given our communicable disease policy. Communicable Disease Policy Link / Administrative Guideline Link</p> | <p>Parents are not to send children to school given our communicable disease policy. If Indicators of risk are high, additional days of isolation or symptom free timelines may be required and extended. Attendance policies may be waived or suspended.</p> <p>Communicable Disease Policy Link / Administrative Guideline Link</p> | <p>Parents are not to send children to school given our communicable disease policy. If Indicators of risk are high, additional days of isolation or symptom free timelines may be required and extended. Attendance policies may be waived or suspended.</p> <p>Communicable Disease Policy Link / Administrative Guideline Link</p> | <p>Parents are not to send children to school given our communicable disease policy. If Indicators of risk are high, additional days of isolation or symptom free timelines may be required and extended. Attendance policies are suspended.</p> <p>Communicable Disease Policy Link / Administrative Guideline Link</p> |
| <h3>Transportation</h3> | | | |
| <p>Normal Transportation Operations. <i>*Adhere to CDC order for facemask requirements which requires masks to be worn on all public and private schools buses.</i></p> | <p>Normal Transportation Operations. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented. <i>*Adhere to CDC order for facemask requirements which requires masks to be worn on all public and private schools buses.</i></p> | <p>Normal Transportation Operations. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented. <i>**Adhere to CDC order for facemask requirements which requires masks to be worn on all public and private schools buses.</i></p> | <p>Normal Transportation Operations. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be implemented. <i>**Adhere to CDC order for facemask requirements which requires masks to be worn on all public and private schools buses.</i></p> |



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Vaccinations

No matter which color indicator Berrien County is in, the district encourages staff and students to become vaccinated. The district is **NOT** requiring staff or students to be vaccinated.

- ¹ - It is anticipated that the Director of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and/or the Director of the Berrien County Health Department will issue a Face Covering order for this level of community transmission in which we would have to comply.
- ² - Hand washing and proper covering of the mouth/nose area when coughing/sneezing will be taught in all grades Prek -12 at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. Hand washing/hand sanitizing and proper covering of the mouth/nose area when coughing/sneezing will be encouraged at all times.