

WEST BOLIVAR CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR
BACK TO SCHOOL 2021-2022



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WBCSD COVID-19 PROCESSES AND PROTOCOLS

Vaccination



WBCSD supports all eligible students, faculty, and staff **12 years and older** receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

WBCSD will offer convenient opportunities for COVID-19 vaccinations through trusted community health providers.

WBCSD will provide the vaccines with parental consent and regardless of socioeconomic status.

Advantages to fully vaccinated students, teachers, & staff include: Decreased COVID-19 transmission risk and illness severity if infected; No required quarantine if exposed and there are little to milder symptoms; and Return to extracurricular activities (i.e., sports) without frequent COVID-19 testing.

Mask Use



WBCSD will require all individuals to correctly and consistently wear masks in our facilities unless there is a documented underlying health condition that hinders breathing.

The same mask requirement will be practiced when in crowded outdoor settings.

WBCSD will require at least three (3) feet of physical distancing where feasible between students and staff to lower the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Social Distancing



Students or staff who **test positive** for COVID-19 will be excluded from the school setting and isolated for a full 10 days regardless of vaccination status.

Students and staff may return to school at the end of their full 10-day isolation unless they develop persistent fever or new symptoms.

If the student or staff experiences persistent fever or new symptoms, they will require a medical evaluation and release from their healthcare provider.

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Positive Cases and Isolation



All students, teachers, and staff who have symptoms of any infectious illness, regardless of vaccination status, should stay home from school AND be evaluated by their healthcare provider.

WBCSD schools will continue practicing and promoting good hand hygiene with frequent handwashing and the use of 70% alcohol-based hand sanitizers.

Because of the current rise in the "Delta variant" COVID-19 infections, WBCSD will use barriers in front offices, limit visitors, and provide temperature checks to lower the risk of transmission.

Contact Tracing and Quarantining



WBCSD will continue vigilant contact tracing to identify all individuals who are in close contact with COVID-19 within the school setting or extracurricular activities through the use of class schedules and attendance reports.

Students and staff who are not fully vaccinated and come in close contact with an infected person will quarantine at home for 10 days if they do not have symptoms or 14 days if they have symptoms.

Fully vaccinated students and staff who have proof and come in close contact with an infected person DO NOT have to quarantine or get tested unless they develop symptoms.

Covid 19 Testing/Screening



WBCSD will partner with trusted community health providers and offer voluntary screening testing of **asymptomatic, unvaccinated** students and staff as follows:

Parental consent is required for student testing and screenings.

Daily screenings of students participating in school-sponsored extracurricular activities of any type, including sports.

Daily screenings of asymptomatic teachers and employees.

Vaccinated students or staff who are in close contact with an infected person will not require quarantine unless they develop new symptoms.

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Communication



School Visitation



Food Services



The district will communicate regularly with families to promote healthy behaviors to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

The district will also communicate health and safety issues or necessary changes to the district's regular operating schedule.

Communications will be sent/posted using the most appropriate avenues which include but are not limited to the district's website (www.wbcsdk12.org), WBCSD's Facebook page, WBCSD's YouTube page, district robocall, WBCSD email accounts, word-of-mouth, and local media outlets.

School visitation will be limited.

Visitors will be encouraged to contact the school/district by phone as much as possible.

The preferred method for required conferences such as IEP's and MTSS meetings will be handled primarily through Zoom or other virtual tools.

WBCSD requires food service staff to have their temperature checked and complete a health screening each day.

Require food services staff to wear masks and gloves during all food preparation and service.

Implement hand washing with soap and water for 20 seconds by students and staff before and after meal service (hand sanitizer may be used when soap and water is not available).

Sanitize the food serving table prior to, during, and after each meal service.

Maintain social distance between staff and students during meal service

Do not allow sharing of food.

Do not allow saving of perishable food items for consumption at a later time.

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Operations: Transportation and Safety



Transportation will be provided, **but we encourage parents to use private transportation if possible.**

Bus drivers will wear a face mask/covering while driving the bus.

Face masks will be mandatory when students enter and during transport.

Upon returning to their homes, students are encouraged to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol as soon as possible and before removing their face mask/covering.

Hand sanitizer will be provided on the buses.

Bus drivers will use disinfectant to wipe down handrails, bars, seats, and other frequently touched surfaces after each transport.

Students will be seated starting at the rear of the bus and will exit starting from the front of the bus, when possible.

Windows will always be open/cracked where warranted.

Physical Environment Safety Protocol



WBCSD is working to ensure that we maintain the health, wellness, and safety of the entire school community. Our operations team is working with campus and district leaders to make certain that compliance with social distancing recommendations, PPE, campus safety are aligned, and we are prepared to respond to local, state and federal orders.

Each campus will:

- Provide each classroom with hand sanitizer and disinfectant cleansers
- Ensure all campuses have an allotment of PPE and cleaning material on site each week
- Train all WBCSD employees to follow health safety protocols
- Provide all campuses with thermometers
- Implement daily health screenings for all students and teachers prior to entering campus
- Implement a system to signify students who have had their daily health screening
- Modify daily cleaning schedules to ensure each space is sanitized and disinfected multiple times a day