



Return-to-School Plan School Year 2022-23

September 2023

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF STUDENTS

The District is committed to Tier 1 social-emotional support in every classroom. Tier 2 support is available through *Second Step* with site counselors.

USE OF FACE MASKS/COVERINGS

Cloth Face Masks/Coverings: Governing Board Policy JICA-RB allows students wear cloth face coverings on buses and on campuses.

COVID-19 CASE PROTOCOLS

Policy GBGCB authorizes the Superintendent to take “reasonable and lawful measures to protect students and staff members from the transmission of communicable diseases.” The following protocols devolve from that Policy and consideration of information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Suspected COVID-19 Infection of a Student:

- Students who are known to have been exposed to COVID-19 outside of school, who develop symptoms at home, or who have tested positive for COVID-19 while not at school are expected to notify their school and not come to school. See “Return-to-school Protocol” below.
- Students who develop symptoms while at school will report immediately to the Health Office on site. The Health Attendant (or designee) will isolate the student to help protect employees and other students. In accordance with long-standing health protocols for contagious diseases, students who have a fever will be sent home regardless of other symptoms. For students who present with three (3) or more COVID-19 symptoms, the following will apply:
 - The student’s parent or emergency contact will be notified to pick up the student; if the student is in medical distress, 911 will be called.
 - The Health Attendant (or designee) will record the date, time, symptoms presented, and how the student left school (data record) as with any other suspected contagious disease.
 - All information collected regarding the student in this situation will be maintained in a separate medical file and not in the student’s permanent records file.
 - Accommodations for will be made for students who are isolated or quarantined to make up school work.

The CDC does not have guidelines for School Year 2023-24. Therefore, BCSD recommends the same guidelines as for employees’ return to work.

Return-to-school Protocol for SYMPTOMATIC Students: Symptomatic students who have tested positive for COVID-19 may return to work when:

- At least **7** days have passed since the first symptoms *if a negative viral test is obtained within 48 hours prior to return to work (or 10 days if testing is not performed or if a positive test at day 5-7)*, **AND**



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- Fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications **AND**
- Improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)

Return-to-school Protocol for ASYMPTOMATIC Students: Students with no COVID-19 symptoms throughout their infection may return to work when:

- At least 7 days have passed since the date of their first positive viral test *if a negative viral test is obtained within 48 hours prior to return to work (or 10 days if testing is not performed or if a positive test at day 5-7)*

Quarantine is not required for students if someone in the student's household has tested positive.

- Testing for COVID-19 is recommended.

Students who test positive for COVID-19 should follow isolation guidance listed above.