



NORTH BOLIVAR CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Return to School Safety Plan

2023-2024

Mask Guidelines

Wearing a mask is no longer a requirement for NBCSD students and staff. While this is optional, we are encouraging (but not requiring) masks to be worn. COVID cases will be monitored continuously. Students and staff who are exhibiting symptoms such as a cough, runny nose, or other systems consistent with COVID, must wear a mask while attending school. We strongly encourage anyone not feeling well to seek medical clearance to ensure they are not positive for COVID to prevent exposure at any of our facilities.

Isolation Procedures

Students and staff who test positive for COVID may return to school after:

- 5 calendar days are completed from the day symptoms began, or
- 5 calendar days from the date of the positive test if there were no symptoms, and
- No fever is exhibited for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication

- A negative test will not be required to end isolation
- Mask must be worn for an additional 5 days.

Quarantine Protocols (for close contacts)

***Note: Fully vaccinated students and staff are exempt from quarantine unless they show systems. Proof of vaccination will be required.**

Students and staff who are identified as close contacts may return to school after:

- 5 symptom-free calendar days have passed
- 5 days after exposure, be tested for COVID to ensure there is no infection
- Testing is highly recommended 5 days after exposure to a positive case. If any student or staff member develops symptoms at any time, isolation and testing for COVID is strongly encouraged.

Overall Safety Guidelines

We are encouraging all students and staff to get vaccinated. Masks will be available at schools for those requesting or needing them.

The following guidelines will be followed at each NBCSD facility:

- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Sick students and staff are encouraged to stay home and seek medical attention to ensure they are not positive with COVID.



- Safe and sanitary practices will be continued.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or elbow.
- Perform regular cleaning/disinfecting of buildings and high traffic areas/surfaces.
- Temperature checks upon entry to buildings will be discontinued.
- Adhere to HIPPA and FERPA expectations to protect the privacy of others should a scholar or staff member test positive for COVID.

Mental Health Services

NBCSD is dedicated to providing support for students, families, and staff in the area of mental health and wellness. Options for mental health support will be available as needed. Students will be provided lessons on character in social-emotional learning to assist with the development of healthy, well-balanced children and future adults.

District Communication

NBCSD provides timely communications to our stakeholders. We will continue to utilize School Status, newsletters, school and district Facebook pages, and the NBCSD webpage to keep parents and the community informed of the latest district updates. It is vitally important that accurate contact information is available to school officials. In the event of an emergency, the district and schools will utilize the aforementioned communication tools.



Maurice Smith, Superintendent

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