

Dear Bear Creek Elementary Families,

The BCE staff has been working diligently to prepare for the transition to Phase 2+, which reintroduces our students in grades K-2 and students in our ILC program back into in-person learning. We thank you in advance for doing your part in effective communication by reading all of the information contained in this Blast. Thank you for being great partners in education!

Tuesday, September 29 - Return to In-Person Learning!

We are very excited to have our students return to school. You will notice our campus and our building have been updated to reflect COVID-19 safety protocols and direction indicators. As you read below, there are also daily entry protocols all families MUST complete before their student(s) enter the building.

BVSD Safety

BVSD will be implementing a multi-layered approach to safety; not just one thing that will keep everyone safe. We will be implementing preventative measures to keep students and staff safe including:

- **Passive screening:** Daily, before going to school, students and staff will check their temperature and fill in a questionnaire asking if they have symptoms or have been potentially exposed to COVID-19. Anyone who is sick or has been exposed is asked to stay home. [See below.](#)
- **Required face masks:** COVID-19 is spread by small droplets while breathing, speaking, etc. If someone is unknowingly sick, which is possible because some who have COVID-19 are asymptomatic, a properly worn mask can significantly help to keep infected droplets from reaching others, even in close proximity. By having everyone wear masks, it significantly reduces the risk of transmission.
- **Cohorting:** BVSD and its schools have grouped students, so that in the event of a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, we and our partners in public health can:
 - Contact Trace: quickly determine who may have been in close contact (Six or less feet for 15 minutes or longer)
 - Quarantine: proactively isolate individuals to prevent the further spread of the disease.
 - Monitor the situation: determine whether individuals in the cohort have contracted COVID-19 and whether further mitigation efforts are needed.
- **Frequent handwashing and sanitation:** One of the key ways to avoid the spread of COVID-19 and other diseases is the frequency and effective practice of handwashing or the use of hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Throughout the day, handwashing will be scheduled and encouraged before, after and during certain activities, like eating lunch, playing outside, using the restroom, using shared surfaces and coughing, sneezing or blowing noses..
- **Focused cleaning on high-touch areas** (e.g. door knobs, sinks, manipulatives, desks, seats, etc.). To reduce the spread of the virus in buildings, custodians will clean and disinfect high-touch, shared spaces daily. Bathrooms shall be cleaned multiple times each day. Cafeteria tables will be cleaned and disinfected between each group of students.
- **Social distancing, when possible:** Social distancing remains an important measure in our fight against COVID-19. In an effort to do everything possible to protect our students and staff, we are integrating social distance into our classrooms. Students will be separated six feet, whenever possible. Desks/tables will be as spread out as much as possible, and whenever students are grouped together (for instance in lunch lines) we will encourage them to keep physical distance.
- **Essential Protective Gear (EPG):** BVSD teachers and other staff members who are in close contact with children and school visitors have been issued a kit with face masks, face shields,

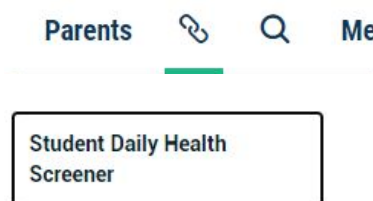
plexiglass screens, hand sanitizer, and surface cleaners to provide them additional protection during the pandemic.

- **Improved filtration:** Modifications have been made to BVSD's HVAC systems to improve ventilation, including:
 - Maximization of the circulation of outdoor air to dilute potential contaminants
 - Replacement of filters
 - Preventative maintenance checks will be completed to ensure proper operation
 - Encouragement to move outside when possible
- **Staggered schedules:** to prevent cross contamination, measures are being taken to keep different groups of students from mingling, including staggering recess times.
- **Training and Signage:** This back to school every employee in BVSD was required to view training to help them better understand COVID-19 and ways to prevent the spread of the disease. Additionally, signage has been placed in our buildings to support the effective strategies for preventing the spread of the disease listed above.

Before Student Arrives:

At Home Screener: Daily, before going to school, parents/guardians will check their child(ren)'s temperature and fill in a questionnaire screener. We have provided you several avenues to access the questionnaire. **Please have this completed by 8:00am**

- **BVSD Website:** Parents/Guardians are required to complete a [Daily Health Check](#) in Infinite Campus each morning before their child attends school or other on-site activity.
 - [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) Instructions for parents are available in [English](#)
 - Access Parent Portal in IC via: bvsd.org - Quicklinks



- [BVSD Parent Tools - Sign into Daily Health Check Form](#)
- The [QR code](#) on the screening signage provided to each school
- [How to get the Infinite Campus App on your phone for BVSD health check - Spanish](#)
- [How to get the Infinite Campus App on your phone for BVSD health check \(passive screening\) - English](#)
- Parents will receive an immediate response after submitting the form and an email confirmation with either 'Your child is cleared to attend school today, Date' or 'Your child is not cleared to attend school today, Date'.
- If you answer **YES** to any question on the screening form - **do not go to school**. Call the office to report absence and provide details.

- Our team will be receiving and cross checking a list of completed forms before students arrive. If your form is not submitted your student will be pulled for screening upon arrival.

Student Arrival to School

- **Required Face Masks:** COVID-19 is spread by small droplets while breathing, speaking, etc. By having everyone wear masks, it significantly reduces the risk of transmission. All students and adults are required to wear a mask on BVSD property except when in a private vehicle or while isolated in a room with doors closed.
- **We are requesting that only 1 parent accompany their child(ren) to school in the morning to facilitate social distancing.**
- **BCE School Building Entry Points - 8:30 AM:** Students will be greeted by adults at each entrance and reminded to properly wear masks into the building. Students need to line up in their designated “teacher” spot while maintaining physical distancing while waiting. Students cannot use the playground before school starts. [BCE Classroom LineUp K-2](#) **Parents should avoid early drop off.**
- **What Do I Do if My Student is Going to be Absent?** We ask that you let the office know if your student(s) will be unavailable or absent during the day. You may notify us through the [IC Parent Portal](#), emailing carolyn.walker@bvdsd.org or calling 720-561-3502.
- **Will School Breakfast be Available?** The USDA has allowed all students to eat for free until January. We will provide “breakfast” at an earlier snack time, and it will be in the form of a “grab & go” served from a cart. Any students interested in breakfast will indicate that desire to their teacher in the morning. [Breakfast Menu](#)
- **Will School Lunch be Available?** The USDA has allowed all students to eat for free until January. K-2 students are still welcome to bring lunch or eat for free. Students will eat in the cafeteria or a designated outdoor space. Students will go through the lunch line to pick up their lunch, but there will no longer be an open salad bar. [Lunch Menu](#)

Student Departure From School

Our school day ends at 3:00pm. Parent’s waiting to pick up their child need to be masked and social distancing. Please do not linger on the playground to avoid mingling of cohorts.

Parents/Visitors in BCE

At this time we are not welcoming parents or visitors into the building. This may change as we progress through the reintroduction of students and reevaluate our health and safety measures.

Please look for additional Blasts this week as we share protocols on Student Health/Illness and BCE Classroom Safety Measures.

