

Proposed Buckeye Local Schools
21-22 Safety Protocols for Returning to Schools
August 6, 2021

We are excited to welcome our students back to school for a safe and more “normal” learning experience for the 2021-2022 school year. The Buckeye Local School District continues to use our local public health partners and state’s guidance to inform how we ensure a safe and successful school year.

Below are protocols that were approved by the Board of Education on Tuesday August 10, 2021 at the regularly scheduled meeting. If we have learned anything through the pandemic, it is the importance of being able to adjust and adapt as needed. We continue to monitor conditions and data in partnership with our local public health partners, and will update protocols as needed. All protocols are subject to change as needed.

Face Coverings/Masks

Optional for all employees and students except when they are riding in school transportation, per [the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Order](#).* **BLSD strongly recommends that those who are unvaccinated wear a mask while in school.**

Physical/Social Distancing

The District will strive for 3ft physical distancing when possible within all school buildings.

School Transportation

The CDC continues to require that masks be worn on all public transportation, including school buses. This requirement is regardless of vaccination status. All BLSD students and staff riding on school transportation are required to wear face coverings.

Hygiene and Cleaning Practices

Daily disinfection and enhanced cleaning will continue. Hand sanitizer will remain abundantly available as well as masks and rapid COVID-19 tests to those individuals who would like them.

Reporting to School Community

COVID-19 updates will be communicated to the school community via email, as needed.

Quarantine/Isolation

Buckeye Local School District does not order quarantines or isolations, but instead works with Medina County Health Department officials in contact tracing and communicating cases.

Students and staff with confirmed cases of COVID-19 will be asked to self-isolate at home for 10 days from the positive test or onset of symptoms.

Students who have been exposed to a confirmed case of COVID while at school will need to quarantine and will be directed by MCHD on specifics. Families will be able to request a free rapid test kit as supplies last.

Other Logistics for 2021-22

Students and staff will be encouraged to practice personal health hygiene, including covering their cough, washing their hands and staying home when sick.

Daily disinfection and enhanced cleaning will continue.

Water fountains will be open for regular use. Students are encouraged to bring and use refillable water bottles.

Families and community members will once again be able to attend small and large events, including performances and athletic games.

Regular school meals will continue to be provided free of charge to all students thanks to funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.