



## Why is BCPS offering expanded in-person learning for select students?

- Updated guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) allow 3 feet of physical distancing for elementary schools.
- Middle and high schools will continue 6 feet of physical distancing.
- BCPS is offering four days of in-person learning per week for students in elementary and public separate day schools, and for select middle and high school students.
- Wednesdays will continue to provide anytime (asynchronous) learning for all students.
- Families may choose to continue fully virtual learning.

## BCPS will continue CDC mitigation to the greatest extent possible.

- Universal and correct use of face coverings (masks).
- Physical distancing to the extent possible.
- Hand washing and respiratory etiquette.
- Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities.
- Contact tracing\* in combination with isolation and quarantine.

## When will four (4) days of in-person learning begin for select students?

- May 10, 2021 - students in elementary and public separate day schools, and some Grade 6 – 12 students.
- May 17, 2021 - targeted students in Grades 6 – 12.

## What will change?

Updates to the [BCPS Reopening Plan](#) are summarized below.

### Health and Safety

- **Large indoor or outdoor spaces:** Numbers driven by physical distancing. When multiple classrooms are sharing a large space, each classroom group should stay together and at least 6 feet from other classroom groups.
- **Spacing in classrooms:** At least 3 feet of spacing between students in elementary schools and 6 feet of spacing between students in secondary schools. Staff should maintain 6 feet of physical distancing from students and other staff members in all locations. The largest classes should be held in the largest spaces.
- **Required assigned seating.**
- **Bathrooms:** CDC-recommended cleaning and disinfecting continues. Staff ensure physical distancing.

### System and School Operations

- **Buses:** Regular seating and full capacity for 4-day per week students. Physical distancing to the extent possible.
- **Meals:** At least 6 feet of physical distancing to the extent possible. Assigned seating. Use of additional indoor spaces to support physical distancing. Use of outdoors space when possible.

### Instructional Model

- **Materials:** Avoid sharing of materials by purchase of additional materials and supplies. Avoid use of items that are difficult to clean. When items must be shared and are not able to be cleaned between use, ensure handwashing before and after touching shared items.
- **Regrouping students in elementary schools:** Minimize regrouping except when required for required for instructional purposes. Limit regrouping to small groups (not entire grades.)
- **Virtual learners:** Teachers will ensure access to learning.
- **Attendance:** In-person students may attend virtually as needed and should be marked present.
- **Schedules:** May be revised to meet needs of students receiving special education services and English learners.
- **Services:** May be provided in-person or virtually based on student needs, plans, and data.

\*The definition of a close contact has not changed. In accordance with CDC guidance, in most instances, those who have been within 6 feet of a confirmed case for greater than 15 minutes will be deemed a close contact.