



## **COVID-19 ILLNESS POLICY**

(NOTE: This policy is subject to change based on current CDC, Federal and Local guidelines.)

### FACE COVERING (MASK) USAGE

Face coverings (masks) must be worn by all students and staff while inside any campus building.

Masks must be worn when students and staff are being transported by school bus.

Masks may be removed during the following instances *as long as proper social distancing is taking place*:

- while consuming food and/or beverages during snack and/or lunch breaks
- while outside

Masks must adhere to the following guidelines:

- must be designed and intended to cover the mouth and nose
- no offensive words or graphics (subject to Administrative discretion)
- corporate logos must be less than 1” in any dimension
- Brentwood Diamond B and the Brentwood School logos are permissible at any size

### VISITORS TO CAMPUS

Nonessential visitors and activities involving external persons, groups or organizations will be limited.

Parent access to students on campus during school hours is limited to the main office where they will be admitted after their temperature is taken and they answer a series of questions regarding potential COVID-19 exposure. A mask is required when entering the school.

### FACILITIES CLEANING

Desks, door handles, high touch areas and shared objects will be cleaned and continuously disinfected during the school day. Busses will be sanitized and disinfected daily and during the day. All classrooms will be sprayed and disinfected nightly with an electrostatic disinfection mist (EPA approved).

### HYGIENE

Hand sanitizer will be available throughout all buildings and in classrooms. Disinfecting wipes will be available in classrooms. Regular and appropriate handwashing (at least 20 seconds) will be encouraged.

Drinking fountains will be disabled except for no-touch water bottle filling stations. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle to school, and they may use it during the school day.

Bathroom and playground schedules for classes will be planned and coordinated to not overlap with other classes.

The use of shared materials (school supplies, equipment, toys, and games) will be limited. When sharing does occur, items will be cleaned between each use.

Signs will be posted at main entrances and in key areas throughout school buildings to remind students and staff to use proper hygiene.

### SCREENING

All faculty, staff and students will be temperature checked each day before entering the buildings. Students riding the bus will be temperature checked prior to boarding the bus. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or above will not be allowed to stay on campus. Parents should check each student's temperature before school each morning and keep students home if required. Fever-reducing medicine should not be used to reduce a high temperature.

Faculty and staff will monitor students for observable symptoms throughout the day including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea. If any of these symptoms are observed, the student will be isolated and a parent or guardian will be called to immediately pick up the student.

### EXPOSURE PROCEDURE

Faculty, staff and students are required to stay home if they are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, have tested positive for COVID-19, or have recently been exposed to a person with COVID-19. Affected persons should notify the Head of School within 24 hours of either a positive test result or notification of known exposure.

If a faculty or staff member or a student test positive for COVID-19, they are required to notify the school within 24 hours. While maintaining confidentiality, as required under FERPA and state law related to privacy of educational records, the school will then notify the following:

- Local public health department
- Any Brentwood faculty, staff, students, parents or guests who were within six feet of the person for more than 15 minutes.
- Any non-Brentwood persons who were within six feet of the person for more than 15 minutes.

The school's Distance Learning Plan will take effect when an exposed student(s) is required to be out of school. Instruction during this time will replicate classroom learning to the greatest extent possible to ensure students remain current with their classmates.

### RETURN TO SCHOOL GUIDANCE

**Approval for returning to school will be reviewed and determined by Administration on a case-by-case basis.** If *anyone* in a household is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, waiting for testing or results, or has tested positive, then *no one* from that household should come to school until the family has been cleared either by a negative test result or completion of quarantine (whichever the situation requires). The following Georgia Department of Public Health guidelines may be taken into account when determining return to school approval.

Symptomatic persons with confirmed COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19 can return to school after:

- At least 24 hours have passed *since recovery* defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); AND, at least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*.

Asymptomatic persons with confirmed COVID-19 can return to school after:

- At least 10 days have passed since the positive laboratory test and the person remains asymptomatic.
- Note: asymptomatic persons who test positive and later develop symptoms should follow the guidance for symptomatic persons above.

Asymptomatic Unvaccinated persons who have a known exposure to a person with COVID-19 can return to school after either of the following:

- At least 10 days have passed since the last known exposure AND:
  - The person remains asymptomatic
  - COVID-19 test is not required

OR

- At least 7 days have passed since the last known exposure AND:
  - The person remains asymptomatic
  - The person is tested for COVID-19 on or after day 5 of quarantine (PCR or antigen diagnostic testing is required; rapid test negative results are not accepted)
  - The COVID-19 test result is negative
- Note: asymptomatic persons who develop symptoms should follow the guidance for symptomatic persons above.

Asymptomatic Fully Vaccinated\* persons who have a known exposure to a person with COVID-19 are not required to quarantine but should monitor for symptoms for 14 days following exposure.

*\*A person is considered fully vaccinated if it has been at least 14 days since the completion of the COVID-19 vaccination series (two doses in a two-dose series OR one dose in a one-dose series).*

## OTHER ILLNESSES

If a student has an illness other than COVID-19, the student should not return to school until he or she is:

- Fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication.
- On an antibiotic for 24 hours if being treated for strep throat, conjunctivitis (pink eye), or a similar illness which is deemed contagious.
- Free of vomiting and diarrhea for at least 12 hours.
- Free of excessive coughing and/or sneezing.

**For illnesses other than COVID-19, a student must submit documentation from a medical professional giving approval for return to school.**