



# BONCL R-X School District

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*Dr. Cassie Huckstep-Spangler, Superintendent*

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RE: 2020-2021 Back-to-School Reentry Plan At-a-Glance

Dear BONCL Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as considerable time and effort have been put into developing our reentry plan to navigate many changes facing us upon our return to school to start the 2020-2021 school year. Below I have set forth our reentry plan at-a-glance to provide you with a summary of our plan at this time. Please note that local decisions and plan development here at BONCL have been in conjunction with the Pike County Health Department through continued dialogue and planning sessions throughout the summer months. The BONCL R-X School District is committed to providing quality education to our students, while also ensuring their safety and well-being. The guidelines and plan presented below follow all applicable local, state, and federal guidelines and incorporate many best practices advocated by school associations and groups at the time of development.

- **Back-to-School Night & School Start Date:**

- For this year, we will not have our traditional Back-to-School Night. Families will be contacted this week to schedule a time to meet the teacher if they wish prior to the start of school.
- Our first day of school to start the 2020-2021 school year is Monday, August 24, 2020, and will be a full day. A copy of the 2020-2021 school calendar can be found on our website.

- **Understanding and Recognizing COVID-19:**

- Faculty and staff will be trained to recognize symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19.
- Parents and students, as well as staff members, are encouraged to self-screen for potential COVID-19 symptoms before coming to school. Anyone with symptoms of illness should stay home.
- Students at school who display health symptoms that could suggest COVID-19 concerns will be checked by school staff and, if necessary and appropriate, placed in a separate room near the office until picked up by a parent/guardian.
- Students with a temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher will be sent home.
- A student excluded from the school environment due to COVID-19 concerns may return to school in accordance with guidelines provided by the health department. Please understand that guidelines may change over time.
- If a case of COVID-19 is reported, the health department may direct us to quarantine certain individuals, classes, or groups. Their guidance at this time is anyone within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes of a confirmed case. We will continue to consult with them if an exposure is reported and/or a quarantine is necessary.

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- **General Information for Students and Staff:**

- Social distancing throughout the school day will be observed to the greatest extent possible by faculty, staff, and students.
- Students will be guided to wash their hands multiple times per day and hand sanitizer will be provided at multiple locations throughout the buildings.
- Drinking fountains will be placed out-of-service. Students may bring personal water bottles from home. Water bottles brought from home must be plastic or metal and in clean, sanitary condition. Bottled water will also be made available to students by the school district.
- Classrooms and restrooms will be cleaned multiple times throughout the school day.
- Staggered transition times will be utilized when necessary to limit contact and exposure throughout the school day.

- **During the School Day:**

- Parents/Visitors will be permitted to visit the office only and will not have access to any other areas in the building. Parents will no longer be allowed to walk their student to the classroom or the gym for breakfast.
- Students may wear masks but this will not be required and masks will not be provided to students by the district. Face coverings should follow school dress code policies and should not become disruptive or distracting to the educational environment.
- Teachers and school staff will be required to wear masks at all times when proper social distancing of 6 feet or more cannot occur. Additional personal protective equipment will be provided to staff when necessary and appropriate along with sanitation materials.
- Students will continue to eat breakfast and lunch with their classroom peers. Classrooms may be used for breakfast and/or lunch when additional seating is required to allow for proper social distancing. All lunchroom tables will be cleaned thoroughly between uses.
- Students will remain with their class all day. Cooperative activities with other classrooms will not be permitted at this time.
- Sharing of student supplies will be eliminated. Students will keep their personal supplies in their desks or areas designated by the classroom teacher.
- The playground will be open for recess and outside play. It will be regularly cleaned and disinfected, and students will wash hands upon returning from outside play.
- Any supplies or equipment used by more than one student will be sanitized between uses.

- **Transportation Information:**

- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to drop students off at school instead of using buses if possible.
  - Students in grades K-8 may enroll in the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC before and after-school program and may be dropped off between 6:45 – 8:00 a.m.
  - Students not enrolled in the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program may be dropped off at school at 8:00 a.m.
- Buses will be loaded back to front, and unloaded in the reverse order.
- Assigned seating will be used on buses and students riding the bus from the same household will be required to sit together.
- Buses will be cleaned and sanitized in between routes.

• **Parents/Visitors and Mass Gatherings:**

- Parents/Visitors will be permitted to visit the office only and will not have access to any other areas in the building. Parents will no longer be allowed to walk their student to the classroom or the gym for breakfast.
- All visitors will be screened with a temperature check and screening questions and will be required to wear a mask upon entry into the office.
- At this time, assemblies, music programs, room parties, dances, etc., will not be held at the school until further notice.

As we know all too well by now, situations surrounding COVID-19 change on almost a daily basis. I am thankful for the quality collaboration and input that went into developing our reentry plan at BONCL. As we return to school in just a few short weeks, we ask for your patience and flexibility throughout this time as we keep our focus on providing a safe learning and working environment for the entire BONCL community. While this year will be new and different for all of us, we are committed to returning to in-person learning, which is in the best interest of all of our students' social, emotional, and academic needs when the same can be done safely.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, support, patience, and understanding. We have worked to the best of our ability to develop a plan that minimizes as much risk as possible while returning to school under the "new normal" and I look forward to working with our students, staff, and members of the BONCL community to make our 2020-2021 school year a success.

Sincerely,



Dr. Cassie Huckstep-Spangler  
Superintendent