



COVID-19 PROTOCOLS 2021-2022 School Year

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Recommended Best Practices for Students, Staff, and Visitors

- Face masks are strongly recommended for all individuals inside school buildings.
- Face masks are required to be worn by students and staff on buses under Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 264) and 42 Code of Federal Regulations 70.2, 71.31(b), 71.32(b).
- Social distancing measures are recommended whenever possible.
- Regular handwashing and use of hand sanitizer are recommended.
- Visitors will not be allowed inside school buildings during school hours. Visitors may attend afterschool events, such as PTA activities, Open Houses, sporting events, etc.

Response to Illness of Students and Staff

- Parents should monitor their child for a temperature greater than 100.0, cough, congestion, shortness of breath, gastrointestinal symptoms, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, headache, or body aches each day. If any of these symptoms are present, please refer to our [COVID-19 Return to School Protocols](#).
- Students who are kept home or sent home for illness will be required to follow the [COVID-19 Return to School Protocols](#).
- Staff who are ill will be required to follow COVID-19 Return to Work Policy.
- If BTCS is notified of a positive case of COVID-19 among a student or staff member, BTCS will notify the Sullivan County Regional Health Department (SCRHD). Any further action in response to the positive test will be taken by the SCRHD.

Cleaning Procedures

- Frequently touched surfaces will undergo cleaning often and no less than daily. Staff will perform additional disinfecting of more frequently touched surfaces and equipment throughout the day as possible.

Athletic Activities & Other Events

- The above protocols apply to all athletic activities and extracurricular programs. Athletic activities will also follow all applicable TSSAA, SCRHD, and First Tennessee Region Superintendent Study Council regulations.

Reporting

- All positive cases of COVID-19 within the district will be posted daily (student attendance days only) by 4 p.m. on the [COVID-19 Dashboard](#), available on the district's website.

*Protocols are subject to change based on community spread of COVID-19 and changes to public health recommendations.