



# Baldwin County School District

## 2021-2022

### Preventing the Spread of COVID-19

The following health and safety measures will be established and implemented based on the current community and/or school spread and other available information as provided by local and state health agencies. While COVID-19 is mostly spread through droplets generated by coughing, sneezing, and talking, disinfection of environmental surfaces such as furniture and fixtures is an important component of an effective infection control program. We must continue to work together to successfully mitigate the spread of the coronavirus in our school district.

Baldwin County Schools will utilize products that kill Influenza, COVID-19 and other variants. These products are dispensed using a dispensing unit such as conventional sprayers, foggers and electrostatic sprayers. Custodians adhere to CDC guidelines on cleaning and using EPA approved cleaning chemicals to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Some examples of the approved products being utilized include:

- **Bioesque Botanical Disinfectant Solution (EPA #87742-1-92595)** - One step and no wipe - Cleans and disinfects. Kills over 99.9% of bacteria, germs, influenza and COVID-19 viruses in 1 minute on hard nonporous surfaces and within 2 minutes on soft surfaces.
- **Virex II 256 by Diversey (EPA #70627-24)** - One step, no rinse and no wipe - Kills over 99% of bacteria, germs, influenza and COVID-19 viruses in 1 minute on hard nonporous surfaces.
- **Morning Mist by Diversey (EPA #1839-169-70627)**
- **Alpha HP by Diversey (EPA #70627-62)** - Spray and wipe for hard, nonporous surfaces (i.e. floors, walls, restrooms and desks) and effective for cleaning prior to fogging or electrostatically spraying
- **Virex Plus by Diversy (EPA #6836-349-70627)** - One step, no rinse and no wipe
- **Crew NA (EPA #6836-73-70627)** - For restroom use
- **Oxivir 1 by Diversey (EPA #70627-77)** - One step cleaner and wipe

***\*\*Soiled surface areas will be cleaned and rinsed before disinfecting to ensure maximum disinfecting effectiveness. Teachers and students are also encouraged to clean frequently touched surfaces and clear their areas at the end of each day to allow for more thorough cleaning each evening.***

## **CDC - COVID-19 Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidelines for community buildings and schools:**

- If less than 24 hours have passed since the person who is sick or diagnosed with COVID-19 has been in the space, clean and disinfect the space using fogging and/or electrostatic spraying.
- If more than 24 hours have passed since the person who is sick or diagnosed with COVID-19 has been in the space, regular cleaning is enough. You may choose to also disinfect depending on certain conditions or everyday practices required by your facility.
- If more than 3 days have passed since the person who is sick or diagnosed with COVID-19 has been in the space, routine but no additional cleaning (beyond regular cleaning practices) is needed.

### **The following procedures will be implemented to clean and disinfect schools:**

- All schools have been deep cleaned over the summer with the aforementioned disinfectants that have a 99% kill rate against germs, COVID and a variety of other viruses.
- Continue normal routine cleaning and disinfecting daily with EPA approved cleaning supplies and disinfectants.
- Frequently touched areas will be cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis (i.e. classroom furniture, door handles, handrails and light switches).
- Restrooms will be cleaned or disinfected on a regular basis.
- Cafeteria will be cleaned and disinfected frequently.
- In addition to custodial usage, disinfectant wipes will also be made available for staff use to clean frequently touched surfaces (*ex. desk tops, door handles, light switches, computer keyboards, interactive boards and telephones*).

### **The following procedures will be implemented to clean and disinfect technology:**

- Devices should be wiped down on a regular basis.
- Students should wash or sanitize their hands before using technology devices.
- Ensure devices are not used by multiple students at the same time.

### **The following procedures will be implemented to clean and disinfect buses in transportation:**

- Students and bus drivers will be required to wear a mask.
- All buses will be deep cleaned and disinfected before the reopening of school.
- Buses will be disinfected by using an electrostatic sprayer and/or fogger utilizing an EPA approved disinfectant (i.e. Bioesque Solution) after every morning and afternoon route.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be mounted on each bus for students' use.
- Students will load from back to front and unload from front to back with assigned seats as appropriate.

**One of the most important factors in the fight against any virus is maintaining safe**

**behavioral practices to ensure all stakeholders are safe:**

- Practice social distancing (A minimum of 3ft of physical distance to the greatest extent possible).
- Frequently washing hands or use of alcohol-based (at least 60% alcohol) hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available
- Wearing face coverings (cloth or disposable) if you are not fully vaccinated
- Covering your mouth when you cough
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth
- Staying home when sick

**The following procedures will be implemented to clean and disinfect the cafeteria and school kitchen:**

- Continue normal routine cleaning daily
- Serving lines, keypads, utensils will be cleaned and sanitized frequently
- Ensure dishwasher temperature is correct for washing and sanitizing dishes
- Ensure sanitizing cloths are stored in sanitizing solution while in use
- Ensure food is handled with the proper utensils (i.e. disposable gloves etc.)
- Clean and sanitize all equipment on a regular basis
- High touch surfaces will be cleaned throughout the school day
- Students and staff participate in frequent hand washing before and after meals

**Additional preventative measures:**

- Masks and/or appropriate face coverings are required to be worn by students and staff, regardless of vaccination status (exceptions/alternative measures can be made for students and staff with physician documented pre-existing conditions that would propose a health risk). Please note that this information is subject to change based on the level of community spread.
- Number of visitors within the school building will be restricted. Visitors will be required to wear a mask.
- All schools have installed Bi-Polar Ionization air filtration systems that have proven to be extremely effective against the spread of COVID-19. In addition, all ventilation systems will be monitored for proper operation.
- Restricted use of water fountains and encourage use of water bottles.
- Hand sanitizing stations installed in high traffic areas in all schools.
- Masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer made available to all stakeholders as needed.
- Instructions on proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be addressed by administration and teachers if and when necessary.
- Desks spaced out to 3 ft. of physical distance to the greatest extent possible.
- Students will eat meals in the cafeteria and will practice social distancing as much as possible.
- Transitions throughout the school day must adhere to the 3ft of physical distance to the greatest extent possible.
- Physical barriers in select locations in school buildings to protect against the spread of the

virus will be made available. Teachers can request desk shields for their students as needed.

- Appropriate signage will be posted throughout each school and department on proper handwashing, symptoms of COVID-19, and ways to stop the spread of germs.
- Employees and students must remain home if they have a fever and/or exhibiting the following symptoms related to COVID-19. Employees are responsible for monitoring their health:

- ☐ Fever
- ☐ Cough
- ☐ Shortness of Breath
- ☐ Fatigue
- ☐ Muscle or body aches
- ☐ Headache
- ☐ New loss of taste or smell
- ☐ Sore throat
- ☐ Congestion or runny nose
- ☐ Nausea or vomiting
- ☐ Diarrhea