



BACK TO BUILDINGS



CHECKLIST



REGISTRATION

Registration is on a continuous basis. As such, new and returning families to the Buffalo Public School District can still register their children for the 2020-2021 school year. For more information, visit <https://www.buffaloschools.org/Registration>



RETURN TO IN-PERSON CLASSES

During the second marking period, the District plans to welcome pre-determined groups of students back to the school buildings. Each school building administrative team, along with their School Leadership Teams (SLT), School Based Management Teams (SBMT), and stakeholders developed plans to have students who are not thriving in the remote learning environment return to in-person learning first. This Phase 1 cohort includes all invited Pre-K to 2, High School Senior, and Highest Need Learners (students having a difficult time with remote learning in areas such as: Poor Attendance, Not Passing, Struggling Students). Once a timeline has been approved, it will be communicated to Parents and Caregivers in multiple ways.

Prior to sending their child to school each morning, parents/guardians are being asked to conduct the Daily Student Health Screening for COVID form, found at (we will have it on the website and also hardcopies at the school to send home daily), to determine if it is safe for their child to attend school. In addition, we are asking parents to take their child's temperature prior to leaving home each day.



NOTIFICATION PROCESS

As each group is identified to return during the phase-in of in-person learning, parents will be notified in their primary language through the District website and via mail and phone calls from their child's school.



CLEANING/DISINFECTING PROCEDURES

Disinfecting should never be done by children (i.e. wipes, spray bottles for desks). Cleaning and disinfecting will be manually tracked and recorded through daily cleaning logs.

Arrival of Students: Clean and disinfect areas used by groups before the start of the school day.

During the School Day - Clean and disinfect high touch areas such as door handles, stair railings, elevator buttons, 3 times daily. All staff will support cleaning efforts, including classroom teachers and teacher aides to the extent practicable.

Bathrooms will be cleaned and disinfected twice daily.



UNIFORMS AND FACIAL COVERINGS

As a means of maintaining continuity, the school uniform policy will be softly enforced. Students attending schools with a uniform policy will be expected to comply, however families experiencing hardships will need to inform the school's principal to investigate how the school may support their needs in meeting this compliance expectation.

Facial coverings (masks) will be required in the In-Person Model when on school district property, at a school board activity, riding a bus or in other approved transportation. Facial coverings must be made from a minimum of double layer cloth and be snug fitting to cover both the nose and mouth. Facial coverings should not include any type of exhalation valves or vents or masks designed as a costume. If your child needs a face covering, please contact your child's principal.



HANDWASHING/SANITIZING STATIONS

Frequent hand washing will be encouraged. Hand sanitizing stations/dispensers will be available in high-traffic areas in schools, including classrooms. If a student leaves the room during a class period, they will be expected to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer prior to returning to the classroom.



MEALS/WATER

All students will have access to free breakfast and lunch. Students who are attending in person will eat their meals in the cafeteria, classroom or another designated area, based on school-specific plans. Drinking water will be available upon request from the food service staff and from bottle fillers being installed at all schools. Students choosing Remote Instruction will continue to pick up multiple meals on M-W-F from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Parents should check their child's school website or contact their child's teachers for a supplies list. Students are asked to bring reusable water bottles daily.



DEVICES

Every single student is provided a district issued device. If a student does not have one, the parent may contact the child's school or visit the Center for Innovation, Technology and Training located at 1515 South Park Avenue on Monday through Friday from 10 am – 4 pm. For in-person learning, individual teachers will determine when there is a need for students to bring in their devices; however, students should plan to bring their devices using a backpack or school bag, fully charged, to school each day. Detailed information in the Student Technology Handbook about the care and responsibility of student devices can be found at <https://www.buffaloschools.org/handbook>.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Parents can update their contact information using the form found at <https://www.buffaloschools.org/contact>

BPS Help Line: (716) 816-7100

Multilingual Families can call: (716) 816-7099



TRANSPORTATION

Transportation services will be provided to eligible students in the form of either yellow bus or NFTA bus pass. Students will be required to wear an acceptable face covering at all times. Parents are expected to provide their child with a washable, reusable mask each day. Bus capacity will be reduced, and students may be assigned seats in order to promote social distancing. All buses will be disinfected daily with high touch areas being cleaned between school runs. Students may carry a personal sized bottle (less than 8oz.) of hand sanitizer. Temporary bus passes will not be utilized during the COVID-19 crisis. Students must appear on a scheduled route sheet in order to receive transportation services. Transportation routing information will be mailed. It is important that your child's school has the most current address and contact information.



IMMUNIZATIONS, COVID TESTING & VACCINES

Parents are urged to check their children's immunization records to see if they are due for any mandated school entry/ participation vaccines which are required for attendance. Per the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Public Law 2164 All BPS students are required to have the mandatory school age vaccines for the 2020-2021 school year, including those participating exclusively via Remote Instruction. While the NYSDOH has provided waiver through 2/9/21, it is strongly recommended that parents/ caregivers take this time to ensure that their child is properly immunized. Additionally, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control, the best way to strengthen your child's ability to fight against a host of potentially deadly viruses and illnesses is ensure that they are up-to-date with their medical vaccinations.