

Buckley Community Schools

COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan Summary

This document is a summary of the full [Buckley Community School's COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan](#) for returning to school for the 2023-24 school year. The plan is guided by Michigan's Return to School Roadmap. Buckley Community Schools will operate within the [Michigan Safe Start Plan](#) phases.

Phase 4 - 6 Buckley Community School will be in session in-person with precautions **Phase 1 - 3** Buckley Community School will be in session remotely only; no in-person

In-Person Instruction • PreK - 6th grade students will be grouped (cohort) so that groups

will attend lunch in the cafeteria, recess and

class time together with limited to no exposure to other groups.

- School supplies and recess equipment will be dedicated to individual students and/or certain groups to limit sharing.
- BCS will make every effort to limit class sizes and maintain 6' spacing.

Health Screenings • Students and staff will complete health screening questions at

home each day before arriving to school.

- Temperature checks will be completed as students board a school bus or enter the school.
- Visitors to the school will be limited and if admitted to the building will complete health screening.
- An isolation area in the school will be provided in case an individual becomes ill while at school.
- A school quarantine officer will attend to individuals who become ill while at school.
- If a student becomes ill at school, parents/guardians will be contacted and given instructions to pick up the student.
- Health department officials will assist in contact tracing when a COVID case is

determined.

Optional Virtual

• A completely virtual schooling option is available for grades K-12 for the 2023-24 school year.

- To enroll in the virtual learning program, visit the school website at **www.buckleyschools.com**.
- There will be an informational online meeting to discuss the optional virtual learning plan on August 3 at 6:00 p.m. A link to the online meeting is available on the Buckley Schools website calendar at www.buckleyschools.com.

Face Masks

• Students and families are required to view a safety video regarding expectations for use of face masks.

- School signage will clearly identify who is required to wear face coverings in the building, grounds, or bus.
- When in phase 5, high school students will wear face coverings for passing times and when they are unable to maintain 6 feet apart.
- PreK-5th grade students will not be required to wear face masks once they are in the classroom, unless the classroom activity places them in close (2 feet or less) proximity to other students.
- When in phase 5, students in 6th grade will not be required to wear face coverings in the classroom.
- Fabric face coverings will be provided to every student and staff member
 - at the beginning of the school year. Additional facecoverings will be available to order
 - and disposable face coverings will be available in the event a student is unable to wear their cloth covering.
- Individuals who claim medical exemption for masks will be required to provide documentation.

Hygiene

• PreK - 6th grade classrooms have handwashing sinks and will adhere to a handwashing schedule.

- Secondary students will adhere to a handwashing schedule.
- Handwashing supplies will be restocked daily

Facility Cleaning

• EPA-approved cleaning supplies for COVID will be stocked for increased cleaning facility cleaning.

- All classrooms will have disinfectant spray bottles, paper towels, face shields and gloves for cleaning protocols.

- Custodial team will track and sanitize areas of frequent usage throughout the building and throughout the day.
- Teachers will wipe down/disinfect frequently used classroom materials and surfaces between classes.

Transportation • Face masks must be worn by drivers

and students riding on the bus.

- Face masks will be available at the entrance of the bus if a student does not have one.
- Buses will be cleaned/disinfected after each run.
- Bus drivers will keep windows open on the bus in route and when stopped when weather permits.
- Family members will sit together according to a bus seating chart.
- Students will be spaced apart on the bus as much as possible.
- Students will not be permitted to change bus pick-up and drop-off routines
- Hand sanitizer upon bus entry will be provided.
- Students will be screened for temperature before boarding bus. Students with a temperature over 100.4 will not be allowed to enter the bus and the school will be contacted immediately to ensure a parent/guardian is available to supervise the student.

Athletics • BCS athletic programs will follow published 2023-24 guidelines from the Michigan

High School Athletic

Association (MHSAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

Return to Phase 1-3 • If northern Michigan returns to [Michigan Safe Start Plan](#)

phase 1-3, BCS will be in session remotely only.

- Instruction will continue using online learning and/or instructional materials packets and resources.
- When possible, technology devices will be provided to K-2 students who need them.
- Students and families will be supported by school personnel in various ways to help meet needs for full participation.
- High school students who are dual enrolled with colleges or Career-Tech Center will be provided support to complete their courses.
- Parents and students will be surveyed to determine mental health needs and supports will be

available.

View the full Buckley Community School's COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan here or at www.buckleyschools.com.

Guidelines in this plan are subject to change based on new guidance from state government, local health department officials or the CDC.

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