



# **COVID-19 Protocols 2021-2022 School Year**

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## **Recommended Best Practices for Students, Staff, and Visitors**

- Face masks are recommended indoors for individuals not fully vaccinated.
- 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 Protocol, which will be updated and released prior to the beginning of school.
- Students who are kept home or sent home for illness will be required to follow the COVID-19 Return to School Protocol, which will be updated and released prior to the beginning of school.
- 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.