



2021-2022 Bishop Watterson High School COVID-19 Plan

Bishop Watterson High School recognizes that COVID-19 continues to impact our daily lives. We are committed to bringing a Christ-centered education to each of our students and Restoring All Things In Christ. Again this year, we will be offering full in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. We will not be offering an online/remote plan for students and families. Our COVID-19 plan is subject to change.

Topic	Expectations
Self-Symptom Screening	<p>All students, faculty, and staff are required to self screen daily prior to arrival at school. Particular attention should be paid to the following symptoms: Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Students who are experiencing illness or symptoms MUST stay home. Students who report with symptoms during the school day will be sent home.</p>
Masks/Face Coverings	<p>The wearing of a face mask during the school day is recommended. The decision to wear a face mask is to be determined by the student and their parent/guardian. Unvaccinated individuals are highly encouraged to wear face masks. Face masks, if worn, must be of a single solid color only. There may be times where the administration requires facemasks to be worn.</p> <p>The decision to wear/not wear a mask is an individual decision for students and staff. Behavior that is not respectful or keeping with our Catholic standards will not be tolerated. Bishop Watterson is committed to a learning environment that respects each member of our community.</p>
COVID-19 Positive Cases	<p>Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 or is diagnosed by a medical professional as having COVID-19 is required to have the positive case reported to the school nurse. Both the Office of Catholic Schools (OCS) and Columbus Public Health (CPH) require positive cases to be reported by Bishop Watterson High School.</p>
Close Contact	<p>Outside of school, individuals should practice social distancing in an effort to avoid close contact exposure. Quarantine cases due to close contact will be determined using the Ohio Department of Health guidelines for K-12 classroom settings and local health department guidelines.</p>
Quarantine	<p>Students and families have a personal choice toward vaccination and mask wearing. Families should understand that quarantine guidelines from school and extracurriculars may differ for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Unvaccinated individuals who choose not to wear a mask will be subject to a 7-10 day quarantine as established by ODH. During the process of contact tracing, individuals who are vaccinated will be asked to show proof of vaccination before a final quarantine decision is made.</p>
Asynchronous Learning	<p>Students who are absent from school due to a COVID-19 quarantine and/or isolation will learn from daily postings by the teacher on PowerSchool and email correspondence. Live streaming of classes will not be available.</p>
	<p>Before school begins each day, students will report to their assigned homeroom. Congregating in the hallways and at lockers is discouraged.</p> <p>Classroom spacing will have social distancing wherever and whenever it is reasonably possible to do so</p> <p>During lunch, students will be able eat in the Cafeteria or the Auxiliary Gym. This will provide more spacing for lunch.</p>

Facilities	<p>Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout campus. Regular cleaning of campus will be maintained.</p> <p>Book bags will not be permitted in the classrooms and should be kept in student lockers</p> <p>As weather permits, windows and doors will be open to facilitate airflow.</p> <p>After school, students may gather outside while waiting for their ride home or within the cafeteria following all school guidelines. Students must be picked up no later than two hours after the end of the school day. After this time students must be under the supervision of a coach or club moderator.</p>
Nurses Station	<p>The nurses station will be staffed during the school day. In the case of nurse absence, students should report to the main office.</p>
Athletics/ Extracurriculars	<p>Bishop Watterson will continue to work with local health departments and OHSAA as it relates to guidance on Athletics and extracurricular activities</p>
Transportation	<p>Federal regulations require that all individuals riding on a school bus for transportation are required to wear a face mask while on the bus.</p>
Visitors	<p>Prearranged visitors to the school continue to be welcome. All visitors must enter through the main doors and sign in and out. Drop-in appointments/visitors will not be possible.</p> <p>Self screenings before entering the building is required by visitors</p> <p>Items forgotten by students may be dropped off in the main lobby vestibule on the table. Announcements are made twice daily for students who may have items for pick-up.</p> <p>Visitors will not be permitted to eat with students during the lunch hour</p>
Water Bottles	<p>Water bottle filling stations are available</p>
Communications	<p>Bishop Watterson will continue to update our community through Wednesday News, the website, and other appropriate measures to ensure our school community is informed.</p>