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Braxton County Schools Facilities: Minimizing Exposure School Re-entry 2020-2021



The facilities management team is implementing several enhanced cleaning and disinfecting measures in preparation for the students' and staff's return to a safe learning and working school environment.

Beyond our standard cleaning protocols, the facilities team is enacting numerous safety disinfection practices to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19. The team is following guidance from the West Virginia Schools Re-entry Toolkit as presented by the West Virginia Department of Education and the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. Please note that "cleaning," the removal of dirt and germs, does not kill the germs. It simply removes them to lower the risk of infection. "Disinfection" uses chemicals to kill germs, viruses, and bacteria. When disinfecting schools and offices, the facilities team uses U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved chemicals including the industry-leading Protexus and Victory Electrostatic Sprayers which provide the highest level of disinfection coverage for all surfaces.

Classrooms

- All classrooms will be deep cleaned and disinfected at the end of each day. Disinfecting wipes also will be available in each classroom for faculty and students to use throughout the day.
- Shared objects (gym equipment, art supplies, toys, games) will be disinfected between use.
- Student desks will be socially distanced as much as possible, all facing the same direction.
- Teachers' desk areas and teaching areas will be marked for social distancing.
- When social distancing is not possible, masks must be worn.
- Procedures will keep students' personal items separate and will eliminate shared spaces.
- Paper-based materials, such as books and loose-leaf paper, are not considered high-risk for COVID-19 transmission and do not require additional cleaning or disinfecting procedures.
- Cleaning and disinfecting products will be secured and stored away from children.
- When staff uses cleaning and disinfecting products, adequate ventilation will be allowed.
- Classrooms will be decluttered of unused materials, books, and technology to be able to provide for deep cleaning and disinfecting.
- All staff will be trained and monitored in individual responsibilities with cleaning, disinfecting, sanitizing, and safe storage of cleaning products.

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Restrooms

- All restrooms will be deep cleaned and disinfected a minimum of once per day. High touch surfaces (i.e., water taps, door/towel/toilet handles, seats, wash basins, doorknobs, and switches) will be disinfected frequently during the school day as well as at the end of each day.
- Adequate supplies will be provided to support healthy hygiene behaviors for safe use by staff and older children.
- Supplies will be systematically and frequently checked, refilled, and restocked.
- If/when necessary, portable handwashing stations will be provided.
- Staff and students will be encouraged to cough and sneeze into their elbows, or to cover with a tissue.
- Handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or safe use of hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for staff and older children) will be taught and reinforced for the following:
 - Before eating or preparing food
 - Before touching your face
 - After using the restroom
 - After coughing, sneezing, or blowing nose
 - After handling cloth face covering
 - After using bare hands to touch objects handled by others
 - After changing a diaper
 - After caring for someone sick
 - After touching animals
- Restroom use: The number of students allowed in restrooms at one time will equal the number of stalls in the restroom. Others will socially distance outside the restroom in the hall on the marked locations.
- Posters and signs provided by WVDE and by CDC will be prominently posted to assist with handwashing and other healthy habits.
- Monitoring will be increased to ensure adherence to safety measures among students and staff.
 - Supervising of hand sanitizer by students
 - Ensuring children with skin reactions to hand sanitizer use soap and water
 - Reinforcing handwashing during key times as listed above

Hallways

- Schools will mark or label six feet of spacing in lines and other spaces where students might congregate.
- Schools will mark for proper social distancing on the floors of waiting and reception areas.



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- Schools will establish a dedicated space for symptomatic students/staff.
- Schools will modify layouts such as classrooms for social distancing.
- Portable handwashing stations will be available when/where needed.
- Classrooms will be decluttered of long unused materials, books, and technology to be able to provide for deep cleaning and disinfecting.
- All staff will be trained and monitored in individual responsibilities with cleaning, disinfecting, sanitizing, and safe storage of cleaning products.
- Use of water fountains will be limited when possible, and water bottle filling stations preferred.
- Posters and signs provided by WVDE and by CDC will be prominently posted in entrances and hallways to assist with handwashing and other healthy habits.
 - Symptomatic Individuals with Fever and/or Cough Are Not to Enter the Building
 - Screening: Should I Come to School?
 - Coughing/Sneezing into Elbow or Tissue
 - Face Covering Do's and Don'ts
 - Best Health Practices

Water and Ventilation Systems

- CDC guidelines for reopening buildings after prolonged shutdown or reduced operation are being implemented to ensure that all water systems and features are safe to use.
- Ventilation systems are being inspected for proper operation and maximum circulation of outdoor air.

Other Areas and Miscellaneous Information

- Where students might congregate or form lines, floors will be marked or labeled six feet of spacing
- Floors will be marked or labeled in waiting and reception areas.
- A dedicated space will be established for symptomatic students and staff.
- All students and staff will wear face coverings in hallways and other areas where social distancing might not be an option.
- Upon entering the school building, students will travel directly to the assigned classroom or homeroom.
- When social distancing is not an option, breakfasts and lunches will be served in classrooms.

