



Expanding to 4 Days of In-Person Learning for Select Students

Why is BCPS offering 4 days of in-person learning for select students?

- Updated guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) allow 3 feet of social distancing for elementary schools.
- Middle and high schools will continue 6 feet of social distancing.
- BCPS is offering four days of in-person learning per week for students in elementary and public separate day schools, and for select middle and high school students.
- Wednesdays will continue to provide anytime (asynchronous) learning for all students.
- Families may choose to continue fully virtual learning.

BCPS will continue CDC mitigation to the greatest extent possible.

- Consistent and correct use of face coverings
- Social distancing to the extent possible
- Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- Cleaning and disinfecting
- Contact tracing in collaboration with the local health department
 - The definition of a close contact has not changed. In accordance with CDC guidance, in most instances, those who have been within 6 feet of a confirmed case for greater than 15 minutes will be deemed a close contact.

When will 4 days of in-person learning begin for select students?

- May 10 - students in elementary and public separate day schools, and some Grade 6 – 12 students
- May 17 - targeted students in Grades 6 – 12, based on student need and data

What will change?

Updates to the [BCPS Reopening Plan](#) are summarized below.

Health and Safety

- **Large indoor or outdoor spaces:** Numbers depend on social distancing and fire code occupancy. When multiple classrooms are sharing a space, each classroom group should stay 6 feet from other classrooms.
- **Spacing in classrooms:** At least 3 feet of spacing between individual students/staff in elementary schools and 6 feet of spacing in secondary schools. The largest classes should be held in the largest spaces.
- **Required assigned seating**
- **Bathrooms:** CDC-recommended cleaning and disinfecting continues. Staff ensure social distancing.

System and School Operations

- **Buses:** Regular seating and full capacity for 4-day per week students. Social distancing to the extent possible.
- **Meals:** At least 6 feet of social distancing and seating chart. Outdoors and additional locations.

Instructional Model

- **Materials:** Separate for each student.
- **Grouping students within classrooms:** As needed.
- **Virtual learners:** Teachers will ensure access to learning.
- **Attendance:** In-person students may attend virtually as needed and should be marked present.
- **Schedules:** May be revised to meet needs of students receiving special education services and English learners.
- **Services:** May be provided in-person or virtually based on student needs, plans, and data.