

REOPENING PLAN

BEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

2021-2022



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on 08/16/2021

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Bedford's Plan on the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services
Links for [Mitigation Measures](#) Updated for 8.16.21 School Board Meeting

Context

On July 27, 2020 the Bedford School Board approved the [Reopening Plan](#) for the 2020-2021 school year. Additionally, the board approved [Reopening Metrics](#) to assist the school administration in utilizing data and evidence-based practices to determine the phases of reopening. Weekly meetings were held with the Metrics Team. At the end of each meeting, the community was updated through Bedford's [Metrics website](#). Email communications were also sent home via Superintendent updates and individual school Principal's Notes.

Note: Approximately 15% of the total student population requested Bedford's fully remote option.

Key Dates

August 27, 2020 - All Bedford Schools opened utilizing a hybrid model with a remote option.
February 8, 2021 - K & 1st grade hybrid students returned in-person full time, 5 days per week.

February 12, 2021 - Grades 2-8 hybrid students increased from 50% to 60% in-person learning.

March 8, 2021 - Grade 2-8 hybrid students returned in person full time, 5 days per week.

March 29, 2021 - Grades 9-12 hybrid students returned in-person full time, 5 days per week.

Substantive Changes from 2020-2021 Reopening Plan to 2021-2022

- Masks are recommended but not required for students ages 11 and under. Staff and students may elect to wear masks, but are not required to do so.
- In grades 7-12, the Bedford School District will return to pre-covid operations as the vaccine is widely available for all persons ages 12 and older.
- Remote Learning will only be available to students as a result of an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or as a result of reasonable accommodations through a Section 504 Plan. These are team decisions.
- Concurrent Learning (e.g., Zoom in the Room) will not be offered. Exceptions for concurrent learning will be the same as those for remote learning as stated above.
- In grades PreK-6, the Bedford School District will work within the guidelines of the CDC, DHHS, and NHDOE.
- With Bedford schools at full capacity, physical distancing will not be possible.
- Parent Volunteers will be permitted per School Board Policy [IJO](#).

I. Transparency & Accessibility

1. The Bedford School District utilized a [Reopening Task Force](#) to make recommendations to the Superintendent and School Board regarding the Reopening Plan for the 2020/21 school year. The final plan was posted on each school website after being approved by the school board.

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2. Public comment on the plan was made through the Task Force and at summer board meetings, which were held in the BHS Theater prior to approval.
3. The plan was made widely available and broken down into accessible sections.
4. The plan was written in English.
5. The plan was available in an alternative format if requested.

III. Health & Safety

1. How Bedford will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school and Local Education Agent (LEA) staff:
 - a. SY20-21: See [Reopening Plan](#)
 - b. SY21-22: [Mitigation Measures](#)
2. Bedford's adoption of CDC health and safety strategies (local safety measures to be based on guidance provided by the CDC, NH Public Health, and local public health).
 - a. Universal Wearing of masks:
 - i. SY20-21: See [Reopening Plan](#)
 - ii. SY21-22: Recommended for 11 and under and those not vaccinated
 - b. Physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding and modifying of facilities):
 - i. SY20-21: See [Reopening Plan](#)
 - ii. SY21-22: Full schools will not allow for physical distancing
 - c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:
 - i. SY20-21: See [Reopening Plan](#)
 - ii. SY21-22: Yes, as well as hand sanitizer and mouth covering
 - d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:
 - i. SY20-21: See [Reopening Plan](#)
 - ii. SY21-22: [Mitigation Measures](#)
 - e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state, and local health departments.
 - i. SY20-21: See [Reopening Plan](#)
 - ii. SY21-22: DHHS protocols will be followed.
 - f. Diagnostic and screening testing:
 - i. SY20-21: See [Testing Sites](#)
 - ii. SY21-22: Screening will be conducted at facilities outside of school. Click [HERE](#) for testing sites.
 - g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities:
 - i. SY20-21: Staff Clinic (3/20/21 & 4/16/21), Student Clinics (4/13/21 & 5/11/21)
 - ii. SY21-22: [Community vaccination sites](#) and medical offices

- h. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies:
 - i. SY20-21: See [Reopening Plan](#)
 - ii. SY21-22: Accommodations provided per IEP/504 Team
- i. Coordination with state and local health officials:
 - i. SY20-21: Weekly NHDOE Calls, Dr. Chan calls, Metrics Team
 - ii. SY21-22: Updates provided by NHDOE, DHHS, & CDC

IV. Continuity of Services

1. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing student academic needs:
 - a. SY20-21: Bedford Curriculum & [Summer Programming](#)
 - b. SY21-22: Bedford will adhere to its standard policies of curriculum, assessment and instruction
2. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing student social, emotional, mental, and other health needs, which may include student health and food services:
 - a. SY20-21: Responsive Classroom, Advisory, School Counseling, Social Emotional Learning, Free School Lunch Program
 - b. SY21-22: Responsive Classroom, Advisory, School Counseling, Social Emotional Learning, Free School Lunch Program
3. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing staff social, emotional, mental, and other health needs:
 - a. SY20-21: Consultants: Mike Anderson, Eric Mann, Jon Wortmann & Behavioral Health Services
 - b. SY21-22: Consultants: Mike Anderson, Eric Mann & Behavioral Health Services

V. Plan Review

1. The LEA will meet the federal regulatory requirement to review and, as appropriate, revise its Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Continuity of Services Plan at least every six months through September 30, 2023.
 - a. YES
 - b. Description: Weekly Leadership Meetings & Monthly School Board Meetings
2. In doing so, the LEA will meet the federal statutory requirement to seek public input and take such input into account in determining whether to revise the plan and, if revisions are determined necessary, on the revisions it makes to its plans.
 - a. YES

- b. Description: Public input via survey & board comment between 6.23.21 through 7.12.21
- 3. In doing so, the LEA will also meet the federal regulatory requirement to address CDC safety recommendations and, if the CDC has updated its safety recommendations at the time the LEA is revising its plan, each of the updated CDC safety recommendations.
 - a. YES
 - b. Description: The LEA will review updated public health guidance and make adjustments as necessary.

VI. Authorization

LEA Superintendent's Signature:

Date:

/s/ Michael Fournier

09/15/21