

WELCOME HEALTH LETTER 2020

To keep all students and staff as safe as possible with the COVID-19 pandemic we're sharing reminders and updates related to school day routines and procedures.

BASD has taken numerous measures to ensure student and staff safety:

- Increased cleaning and disinfection procedures including frequent disinfection of high touch areas (doorknobs, stair railings, bathrooms).
- Added hand sanitizer dispensers to almost every classroom, outside of cafeterias, outside of gyms, and at each school entrance.
- Provided each classroom with a bottle of cleaner/disinfectant and paper towels.
- Posted signage throughout each school with reminders about handwashing, social distancing, wearing face coverings, and general hygiene reminders.
- Increased disinfection procedures in health rooms.

We ask families to take the following measures to help keep BASD students and staff safe:

- Keep symptomatic children home from school,
- Share details about symptoms if a child is absent,
- Be prepared to pick up a child who becomes ill at school, and
- Read the information below to better understand the established and new procedures.

Start at Home. Please do not send students to school if they are ill or have any symptoms listed on the daily checklist. Ask these questions every day before sending a child to school.

Does the child have:

- A temperature of 100 degrees or higher?
- A frequent unexplained cough?
- Unexplained shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
- Unexplained tiredness?
- Other symptoms of COVID-19: muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, please keep your child home.

Reporting Absences: When you call the school to inform them of an absence, please leave a detailed message including **all** symptoms your child has (temperature, cough, sore throat, vomiting, etc). We will be monitoring the numbers of students and staff absent with certain symptoms and reporting weekly our numbers to the local health department.

Student Becomes Ill at School. If your child has a fever during the school day they will be sent to the health room, we will ensure they are wearing a mask and kept as separate as possible from other students until they are picked up. If students are ill at school, they will need to be picked up in as timely of a manner as possible. Students will not be able to be kept in the health room for extended periods of time. Please have a plan of who will pick up the student if they become ill at school.

Limit Health Room Occupancy. Please encourage your child to only come to the health room if necessary. We will encourage only ill students and students who have a medical need to come to the health room.

Return to School. Your child will need to be fever-free for **72 hours (3 days)** without any fever-reducing medication before they are allowed to return to school.

Update Contact Information: PLEASE ENSURE ALL CONTACT INFORMATION AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS ARE UP TO DATE IN SKYWARD.

Medications: Please ensure all necessary medication and medication paperwork is turned into your child's school. No medication can be given without all paperwork in place. No nebulizer use this year.

Immunization: Please ensure the schools have your child's most current and up to date immunization information.

Water Bottles: Please send your child with a water bottle each day. Water bottle filling stations are available at each school. Please label water bottles with your child's name.

Thank you for helping the district provide a healthy environment in our schools.