

BANNER P.S.

COVID-19 Pandemic Plan 2020-21

This plan is in addition to our Return to School Plan with updated information and requirements.

Students: Requirements to attend school in person

Students must have a mask at all times and prepared to wear as necessary. When the severity alert of Canadian County is at a high or severe alert level (dark orange #2 or Red on the OSDE COVID tracking map) all students and staff are required to wear a mask while on school campus. The exceptions being at the teacher's discretion during instructional communication that a mask will inhibit responses and during eating/drinking.

Students that don't comply with wearing a mask will fall under the steps listed in the behavioral discipline plan. This includes step 1: a warning and explanation, call parent; step 2: 2 days after school detention, call parent; step 3: required enrollment in the Banner Virtual Academy for the remainder of the semester.

Body temperature should be taken at home, refer to form provided. When arriving at school by car or bus, temperature will be taken again and recorded. Any temperature at 100F or above is considered a fever and the student must go home as soon as possible. The student must get a negative COVID 19 test and be fever free to return to school.

Students are to be dropped off and picked up according to the map provided.

*In the AM students will be dropped in the front of the school by the office. A temperature check will be completed at the car before leaving.

*In the PM we have created a new system. Cars will park in our large gravel parking area. We will have up to 3 rows of cars parked horizontally. Parents will walk to the side of the gym for grades Pk-3 and to the front entrance of the gym for 4th-8th. Pick up will start at 3:30 pm. Please refer to the attached map for a visual image. We ask that all adults wear a mask and keep a safe social distance of at least 6 feet during the pickup time. This will assist in limiting the possibility of spreading the virus to others, including our staff that need to be at work in order to have in person instruction.

Please let your child's teacher know if they will be a car rider or bus rider for the semester. This cannot be interchanged this year due to limited seating on buses with a seating chart.

Body Temperature at 100F or above= fever

If at any time a student or staff member has a body temperature at 100F or above, they will need to leave the school premises as soon as possible. It is required to produce a negative test for COVID 19 or self-quarantine for 10 days and be fever free for 72 hours without the use of medications such as Tylenol. Please refer the information listed under Quarantine requirements.

Virtual/Blended Learning

Administration will closely monitor the infection rates of Canadian County for guidance in determining the instructional format at Banner. Levels at a high or severe rate of infection would indicate a health and safety risk to our students and staff. The health and welfare of our students, staff, and families is the priority. At any point when the risk level is in the Red and teaching in person creates a hazardous environment to teach in person, Banner School may use the option of virtual/distant learning or a blended model utilizing a rotating A/B class schedule to reduce the number of students together at a time.

Mandatory Expectations for Virtual Instruction:

Teachers are to start lessons by 9 am. The teacher is to facilitate lessons live (in person) or be available online for QA during the class period of at least 50 minutes.

Each subject should have a designated time and assignment to be taught/posted with QA

Each grade level/subject for 6-8 grade is to have a designated time scheduled that does not interfere with other classes. Please collaborate on times to schedule.

Students are to be ready and present by 9am to begin the day virtually.

If a student does not participate (show up virtually on screen) and/or complete the work on time, that student will be counted absent and receive a zero for the assignment. Students are required to turn in assignments on Mondays by 8 am. This may be electronically or in person. Students/Parents are responsible to confirm the assignments are delivered and received in order to receive credit. Parents are expected to call the school office or give written notice to the teacher if they will be out of town or their child is sick so that an alternate option can be provided

Quarantine of Students and/or Staff:

On Dec. 2, 2020, the CDC modified its recommended quarantine guidance. Included in the modified guidelines are two additional options relating to quarantine:

- a. Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring, as long as no symptoms consistent with COVID develop, and the person wears a face covering in public until at least 14 days after exposure.
- b. Quarantine can end after Day 7 if the individual has **received a negative test and has not had symptoms during the quarantine period**, as long as no symptoms consistent with COVID develop, and the person wears a face covering in public until at least 14 days after exposure. The test may be a PCR or antigen detection test, but **must be taken within 48 hours of the end of Day 7**. Under no circumstances can quarantine be discontinued earlier than the end of Day 7.
- c. Under either scenario, continued symptom monitoring and the wearing of masks must be met. After stopping quarantine, the CDC advises:
 - a. Watch for symptoms until 14 days after exposure.
 - b. If symptoms present, immediately self-isolate and contact the local public health authority or a healthcare provider.
 - c. Wear a mask, stay at least 6 feet from others, wash hands, avoid crowds and take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

***The current Pandemic Plan, Banner Return to School Plan, Yearly Calendar, and Virtual Information is located on our school website: bannerschool.net and on the school Facebook page. This is a fluid plan that may change depending on the situation and by updated changes approved by the school board.**

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Questions



Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

How do I know if my child should be quarantined? Please refer to the information listed under quarantine. At any time you may call the school and we will give you guidance on what is required based on your circumstances.

How will I know if my child has been exposed at school? The school will conduct contact tracing and notify all parents of potentially exposed students. These students may be required to be quarantined according to the district policy.

How will I know if the school is pivoting to virtual learning from in person learning? The school will notify parents by phone and email messengers. We will post on our website and the school Facebook page.

What if I don't want my student to wear a mask at school? This is a requirement to attend in person for the health and safety of the students and staff. Behavioral consequences that address risking the safety of others will apply. The additional option includes enrolling in the Banner Virtual Academy.

Can my child switch back and forth from in person instruction to the Banner Virtual Academy? No, parents need to make a choice at the beginning of the semester. Some circumstances may apply pertaining to health or emergency situations that require a student to be absent for a long period of time.

What if I don't have an electronic device for virtual learning? You can notify the school and we will loan you a device based on our inventory. You may also elect for your student to receive paper assignment packets on a weekly basis that will bypass the need for a device.

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