



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Greetings BCCS Parents /Guardians,

I hope each of you and the members of your family are well and taking time to enjoy the summer months. This letter and video is intended to serve as an informational update for the upcoming events and expectations for the start of the 2021-22 school year.

Earlier this week the MDHHS released the guidance for schools for the start of the school year. The document provides the list of key strategies recommended to schools by the CDC to keep schools safe and prevent the transmission of the COVID virus. The school prevention, safety and mitigation strategies, and opening events/expectations were developed as a result of this recent information. However, I remind all of us that the impact this pandemic has on our school is fluid, and ask for your continued understanding and support as we navigate through the pandemic.

Informational Video:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/AHFDOPIJu3nz2NSg-plcnDC45ae8cZvo1_0ajp5FGH7NaBXBr2ZK4T9-chYH3Wv0_DDjm1H6UJt04ek

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Video Notes and Topics

Mode of Instruction/Education

1. BCCS Position remains to provide face to face, in-person instruction as much as possible.
 - a. Given the opportunity, steps will be taken to safely conduct school activities with students in the building.

Opening Events and Activities

1. New Family Orientation: will be held virtually again this year. An informational school orientation letter and video will be sent to new families, next Friday, 8/13.
2. Open House/Meet the Teacher Night : Will be face to face with staggered times for families in 15 minute intervals on Thursday, August 26. Details will be forthcoming.

BCCS Safety, Prevention and Mitigation Guidelines and Expectations

1. Understanding: School governance is from multiple federal, state and regional agencies. The expectation on schools continues to be fluid.
2. Resource and Guidance: The BCC School safety, prevention and mitigation strategies are taken from [MDHHS COVID Guidance for Schools](#)
3. 2021-22 Strategies Include:
 - a. Recommending people ages 12 and up get vaccinated
 - b. Masks (recommended not required)
 - c. Social Distancing
 - i. of 3 ft - 6 ft whenever possible

- ii. limit gatherings especially cross grade
 - iii. cohorting students when possible
- d. Screening:
 - i. no daily screener for students and staff
 - ii. annual acknowledgement form requested of all families
 - iii. guest and visitor screening upon entrance during school day
- e. Ventilation
 - i. ionization units installed in all 4-12 classroom units
 - ii. Increased ventilation/air flow in all rooms
 - iii. portable hepa filters in all rooms
- f. Cleaning and Disinfecting returns to daily except for lunch time
- g. Collaboration with Health Department is required of schools
 - i. reporting cases
 - ii. contact tracing
 - iii. quarantine and isolation assistance
- h. Reporting and Communication with Public via website
 - i. school COVID plan
 - ii. number of positive cases
 - iii. COVID resources and information to families

Misc. Item

1. HS Students attending KCTC
 - a. Follow KCTC calendar
 - b. Classes begin on 8/23

In Closing....

I want to assure all parents and families that the BCCS faculty and staff will do our best to be prepared and ready to adapt the educational programs and services to whatever impacts the pandemic has on our school community. While the safety and welfare of the students, staff and families is paramount, BCCS seeks to hold face to face, in-person learning whenever possible. More detailed information will be forthcoming the week of August 16th.

Once again, I hope that all members of the BCCS educational community enjoy the Michigan summertime. For those traveling, take care and be safe. I look forward to seeing you in a few weeks .

With Care,
Mark R. Kasmer
BCCS Chief Administrative Officer