

Safe Return to
School Plan
June 2021 –
the 2021-2022 school year

Beacon Academy

For the health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff, Beacon Academy will be continuing with some COVID procedures this summer with the idea that the procedures will roll back as we move into the later summer months. MDE and MDH recommendations will be taken into consideration as we progress through the summer.

Our Summer Camps are as follows:

June

- Math Camp 21st – 25th

July

- M.A.T.S. & Kindergarten Readiness 26th – 30th
- ESY starts 5th

August

- M.A.T.S. 2nd – 6th
- Math Camp 9th – 13th
- ESY ends 12th

September

- 2021-2022 School year – 7th



COVID Leadership Team Lenses

- Keeping our staff and families safe
- Meeting the needs of our students, staff, and families
- Rolling back the COVID procedures in preparation for the fall
- Being equitable in our approach
- Continued communication lanes between all stakeholders
- Expect and Accept change and growth both personal and organizational

Three Scenarios of Learning



**IN-PERSON
LEARNING –**
STUDENTS BACK TO
THE BUILDING



**HYBRID
LEARNING –**
A COMBINATION OF
IN-PERSON AND
DISTANCE LEARNING.



**DISTANCE
LEARNING –**
GOOGLE
CLASSROOM AND
WORK PACKETS
FROM HOME

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- Beacon Academy will offer all our camps in-person this summer
- Beacon Academy will roll back COVID procedures from month to month this summer
- The Minnesota Department of Education has not provided any requirements for the 2021-2022 school year as of June 8, 2021
- Beacon Academy anticipates opening in the fall in a 100% in-person model

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- Beacon Academy will not be offering a nutrition program this summer.
- Beacon Academy will be offering free food in the nutrition program through the 2021-2022 school year via the waiver from the USDA.
- Beacon Academy will be scheduling as much “outside” time as possible in each of the camps this summer.

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Health Screening:

- All students and staff prior to getting on a bus or entering the building will go through our screener at home.
- Are you currently, or have you in the last 10 days experienced any of the following symptoms?
 - Fever 100.4+, shortness of breath, new/worsening cough, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, chills, muscle pain, excessive fatigue, new severe headache, new nasal congestion, new runny nose
- Are you or anyone you've had close contact with waiting for a COVID-19 test result?
 - Close contacts are defined as within 6 ft. of each other for longer than 15 minutes (includes household members)
- Have you had close contact with anyone in the last 14 days who tested positive for COVID-19?

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Isolation & Quarantine:

- All students and staff will be required to stay home if they are sick or test positive for COVID-19.
- All students and staff who become ill during the school day will be sent home.
- Following MDH and MDE recommendations, close contact and spot quarantining will take place in June and July for staff and students who may have been exposed as a documented close contact to someone who has COVID-19
- Quarantining of staff and students will not take place in August or during the 2021-2022 school year unless mandated by state or federal guidelines.

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Hygiene Practices:

- All students and staff are required to wash their hands several times a day on a set schedule.
- Extra instruction, signage, and supplies will be regularly available for handwashing and sanitizing.
- Masks will be required in June
- Masks will be optional in July and August, and for the 2021-2022 school year while inside.
- Masks will not be required outside
- Camp leaders will work with the Facility Team to complete the cleaning checklist, disinfecting commonly touched surfaces, shared items, shared equipment, and high traffic areas.
- Classroom teachers will work with the Facility Team to complete the cleaning checklist, disinfecting commonly touched surfaces, shared items, shared equipment, and high traffic areas during the 2021-2022 school year.

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Face Covering Guide

- Face Covering Means
 - A cloth or paper disposable mask, scarf, bandana, or religious face covering that covers the mouth and nose completely
- Face Shield Means
 - A clear face shield that extends below the chin in the front, to the ears on the sides and with no gap between the forehead and the headpiece
- Face Covering Does Not Mean
 - Any mask that includes a valve, hole, gaps, or openings to facilitate easier breathing, or made of a material such as mesh with such openings

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- **Transportation:**
 - Face Coverings will be required all summer and during the 2021-2022 school year while on the school bus per the CDC Order pertaining to all public transportation. Once the CDC lifts the order, face masks on school busses will then become optional.
- **June**
 - Face Coverings will be optional for year-round staff when students are not in the building
 - Face Covering Required when students are in the building in June
- **July, August & 2021-2022 School Year**
 - Face Coverings will be optional for all staff and students, no matter if students are in the building or not

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Student Face Covering Guide for June

- Face covering exemptions in June
 - Individuals with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that makes it unreasonable to maintain a face covering
- Face covering alternatives in June
 - Face coverings are preferred; however, face shields will be allowed for students if they comply with the above description of what a face shield is
- Face Coverings may be temporarily removed in June
 - When engaging in physical activity where the level of exertion makes wearing a face covering difficult
 - To eat and/or drink
 - When working alone in a classroom/office

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Summary of June

- Summer Camps – Math Camp is June 21 – 25
- When No Kids
 - masks are optional
 - meetings can return to in-person for staff
- With Kids -
 - Social Distancing and Masks mandatory staff and students
 - Home screening continues for students
 - Send kids home immediately when showing symptoms
 - Close/Spot quarantining
 - Cleaning during the camp done by camp leaders
- No COVID testing for staff all summer
- Camp pick-up outside at PAC, no parents waiting indoors all summer
- meetings are in-person for staff all summer
- Main office is open to visitors, max two in main office at a time & plexiglass stays up

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Summary of July

- Summer Camps – M.A.T.S. & K Readiness is July 26 – 30
- ESY – July 5 – August 12
- Kids will be in the building all month for ESY and camps
 - Home screening continues for students
 - Masks optional for staff and students
 - social distancing continues for students
 - sped transportation can move back to three students per van
 - Send kids home immediately when showing symptoms
 - Close/Spot quarantining
 - Cleaning during the camp done by camp leaders
- Main office is open to visitors/walk-ins & plexiglass stays up

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Summary of August

- Summer Camps – M.A.T.S. is August 2 – 6 & Math Camp is August 9 – 13
- ESY – July 5 – August 12
- Kids will be in the building most of the month
 - Home screening continues for students
 - Masks optional
 - Remove social distancing
 - Send kids home when showing symptoms
 - No quarantining
- Main office is open to visitors/walk-ins & plexiglass stays up

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Summary of 2021-2022 School Year

- School starts September 7, 2021
- Kids will be in the building at 100% capacity
 - Home screening continues for students
 - Masks optional
 - Remove social distancing
 - Send kids home when showing symptoms
 - No quarantining
- Main office is open to visitors/walk-ins & plexiglass stays up

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Social and Emotional
Wellness &
The Beacon Outreach Team

- The Beacon Outreach Team provides confidential support, resources and follow up services to the entire Beacon community-students, families and staff members.
- Our hope is to provide a culture of care and support to those who may be experiencing various difficulties as we navigate through an international pandemic and a distance learning model. Difficulties may be related to social emotional learning, mental health, and well-being.

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Communication Pathways with students and families

- Parent and Student Email Notifications
- Main office communications via text and email
- Teachers are checking emails daily during the camps
- Some administration or office staff will be on site Monday - Thursday

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Students with IEP and 504 plans

- Beacon Academy is committed to continue to provide our students who live with disabilities a free and appropriate public education (FAPE). We are steadfast in our commitment to meet the requirements of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B and Part C and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. We are working closely with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and all our contracted services to continue to provide the best possible service to your students.
- The Special Education Team is working on unique and appropriate ways to communicate, support, and deliver high quality special education services. All IEPs and 504 plans will continue to be implemented. The Special Education Case Managers will be reaching out to the students and families directly to help set up more supports and communication tools.

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English Learners

- Beacon Academy will continue to support the needs to the English Learners. We will work to communicate with the families who do not speak English as a primary language and support the learning at home through scaffolding supports through our English Learner Teacher.
- English Learners will continue to receive researched based, appropriate support that will allow them to access the homework and online content. The English Learner Teacher will be reaching out to all students within the program to make certain supports are in place and all materials are accessible to the families.

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Family Resources

- Minnesota Department of Human Services
 - <https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/get-help/food.jsp>
 - <https://mn.gov/dhs/food-emergency/>
- Food Shelves
 - [Prism Mpls](#)
 - [ABC Food Shelf](#)
 - [NEAR Food Shelf](#)
 - [St. Paul's Food Shelf - Hanover](#)
- United Way 211
 - <https://www.211unitedway.org/>
 - Toll Free: 800.543.7709
 - Text your zip code to 898-211*

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Family Resources

- **Mental Health**
 - [Minnesota Mental Health Emergency Resources](#)
 - [Youth Suicide Warning Signs](#)
 - [SAVE- Suicide Awareness Voices of Education](#)
 - [Teen Line Online](#)
 - [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)

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Family Resources

- If you are in crisis, you may want to contact a crisis line to speak to a mental health professional immediately. Please see below for crisis resources:
 - Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
 - Crisis Text Line: text "HOME" to 741741
 - Hennepin County Crisis Response: 612-348-2233
 - The Trevor Lifeline (for LGBTQ youth): 1-866-488-7386
 - Trans Lifeline: 1-877-565-8860

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Public Comment

- COVID Leadership Team Developed
- Sent a survey to families
- Shared it with all staff for comment
- Shared it at the June 17, 2021 School Board meeting for comment

Comment Summary (one comment)

- Clarity on the home screening vs. no quarantining was requested. This is being revised.