

Safe Return
to School
Plan
for the
2022-2023
school year

Beacon Academy

COVID Leadership Team Lenses

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

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Summary of 2022-2023 School Year

- Kids will be in the building at 100% capacity
 - Stay home if you are sick
 - Masks optional
 - Removed social distancing
 - Send kids home when they are showing symptoms
 - Return after 24 hours and symptom free
 - Recommending COVID testing with symptoms
 - Positive Cases required to stay home for 5 days, and can return on days 6-10 with a mask
- Main office is open to visitors and volunteers
- Beacon Academy will continue to use the MDH and CDC guidelines pertaining to COVID procedures

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Hygiene Practices:

- All students and staff are recommended 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.
- Masking will remain optional for 2022-2023 school year.
- 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 2022-2023 school year.

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Quarantine:

- All students and staff will be required to stay home for 5 days from the start of symptoms if they test positive for COVID-19. They can return to school for days 6 - 10 if they wear a mask.
- All students and staff who become ill during the school day will be sent home.

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Communication Pathways with students and families

- ParentVUE and StudentVUE are your first line of communication about grades and assignments
- Email is also available for all teachers
- All teachers have phone extensions and are required to return your call within 48 hours.
- Main office communications come via text and email

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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.

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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:
- 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