

## 2021-2022 BLHS Reopening and Operational Plan

Adopted by the BLHS Administration on August 3, 2021

Adopted by the BLHS School Board on August 16, 2021

Category	Important Notes
<b>Masks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mask usage on school grounds is optional, but encouraged.</li> <li>● Anyone can wear a mask for their own protection, we will not segregate or discriminate based on who does or does not wear a mask</li> <li>● Mask usage on school transportation is MANDATORY per federal law</li> <li>● Masks may be required by School Administration in the event that there are needs based on: high numbers of school cases, high community transmission rates, or cases that result in the potential for lack of school coverage.</li> <li>● Individuals with underlying health conditions will have their masking needs met on a case by case basis</li> </ul>
<b>Visitors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● BLHS Schools are happy to welcome visitors back into our buildings for school functions!</li> <li>● Parent drop-off and pick-up locations in both buildings will still be utilized for the 2021-2022 school year</li> <li>● School Administration may limit visitors if there are moderate-to-high levels of COVID-19 transmission in our communities as data dictates from local COVID numbers and cases within the classroom, grade level or buildings at BLHS.</li> <li>● If you are sick, please stay in your car. We will be happy to send your child out to you when you arrive and call the office.</li> </ul>
<b>Vaccination Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Families interested in vaccination information are encouraged to contact the School Nurse Hannah Youngkrantz, Renville County Public Health, or their local doctor's office for more information.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nurse Hannah Youngkrantz: <a href="mailto:hyoungkrantz@blh.k12.mn.us">hyoungkrantz@blh.k12.mn.us</a></li> <li>○ Renville County Public Health: 320-523-2570</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Fully vaccinated individuals will not be required to quarantine unless they have tested positive - proof of vaccination will be REQUIRED</li> </ul>
<b>Strategies for Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hand washing</li> <li>● Sneeze/Cough etiquette</li> <li>● <b>Voluntary</b> screening/testing</li> <li>● Cohorting (<i>if needed</i>) - keeping people together in a small group and keeping them together for the duration of the day, to limit the spread.</li> <li>● Continued cleaning and sanitizing</li> <li>● Keep your child home if they are sick or have been exposed to a positive COVID-19 person.</li> <li>● Continue to monitor symptoms on a daily basis</li> <li>● Please contact your respect building secretary if you have a positive household case</li> </ul>

<p><b>Distance Learning</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Distance Learning may occur if one or more of the following situations arises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ High numbers of school cases</li> <li>○ High community transmission rates</li> <li>○ Cases that result in the potential for lack of school coverage</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Direct Student Support (Special Education and English Learners)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● BLHS Schools will follow the <a href="#">recommendations for Delivering Direct Student Support Services guidance</a> from the Minnesota Department of Education.</li> <li>● This includes the <i>potential</i> for certain students to receive more in-school or in-person instruction in the event of a distance learning model being implemented.</li> <li>● Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) will be followed and evaluated to ensure appropriate access and equity. This includes the level of masking appropriate for those students.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Quarantine-Contact Tracing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If you are sick, please stay home.</li> <li>● When waiting for test results or when a positive test is confirmed - isolate from school. Contact tracing may become necessary in determining additional positive cases.</li> <li>● Testing may result in shorter-term quarantine/isolation.</li> <li>● Fully vaccinated individuals will not be required to quarantine unless they have tested positive-proof of vaccination will be REQUIRED</li> </ul>
<p><b>Extracurriculars/Activities/Events</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Visitors are welcome at all extracurricular activities.</li> <li>● School Administration reserves the right to limit capacity based on local and state agency recommendations.</li> <li>● Masks are recommended but not required and are subject to change.</li> <li>● Regular preventative testing of students in extracurriculars is not required.</li> <li>● Students/Coaches exhibiting COVID-like symptoms will be asked to test prior to returning to their activity.</li> <li>● Testing may result in shorter-term quarantine/isolation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mental Health Supports</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Michelle Melberg High School Social Worker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="mailto:mmelberg@blh.k12.mn.us">mmelberg@blh.k12.mn.us</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>● Lori Jensen-Hagert - Elementary School Counselor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="mailto:ljensenhagert@blh.k12.mn.us">ljensenhagert@blh.k12.mn.us</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>● Bullying/Harassment of vaccination status/mask preference will not be tolerated.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Disclaimer</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We are a public entity and if the state or federal government requires everyone to mask and/or other requirements, we will change our 2021-2022 re-opening and operating plans to immediately follow those new requirements.</li> <li>● BLHS Administration reserves the right to make changes as deemed appropriate based on the safety and needs of the students and staff</li> <li>● We appreciate that families continue to be flexible and understanding during these challenging and unprecedented times.</li> </ul>

**\*\*Pending additional information from MDE and MDH\*\***