Frequently Asked Questions: School Year 2020-2021

How will I receive information about school reopening?
Updates will be sent regularly via email to all staff and parent/guardians. Social media will also be used to direct users to the latest message. All information will also be posted on Berwyn Park District website.

The Berwyn Park District will use the email that you provided on file at the time of registration.
The Berwyn Park District will follow the same model as Berwyn South School District 100 for guidance on reopening.

Will the school year calendar be remaining the same?
The first day of school for students is Monday, August 24th. There have been some changes at the state level that required a calendar update. Please check the Berwyn Park District website for the newest calendar.

A 2020-2021 school calendar can also be found in the back of the parent manual.

What are the Symptoms of Covid-19?
People who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 have reported symptoms that may appear as few 2 days or if 14 days after exposure to the virus.

Symptoms include:

- Cough
- Fever (greater than 100.4)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- New Loss of Taste or Smell
- Congestion or Runny Nose
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

When should I keep my student home from school?
Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 or who shows any signs or symptoms of illness of COVID-19 listed above must stay home. Any student or employee who begins to exhibit a high fever associated with COVID-19 like symptoms will be held in an isolated waiting room until they can be picked up.

People who have had close contact with some who tested positive for COVID-19 must isolate at home and monitor symptoms for 14 days. Close contact is defined “any individual who has been closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes.”

**What if someone tests positive for COVID-19?**

Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 or who shows any signs or symptoms of illness should stay home. Please report possible cases of COVID-199 to your school so that can initiate contact tracing. Individuals should not return to school for 10 days after symptoms first appeared. Individuals must also be free for 72 hours, without the use of fever reducing medications. The state does not require complete school closure due to a positive COVID-19 test. However, entire classrooms may be impacted.

If an employee or student tests positive, Berwyn Park District will contact the Cook County Department of Public Health and follow its guidance for quarantine requirements and the potential closure of a school. Students or employees return from illness related to COVID-19 will be required to check in with the Early Childhood and Recreation Manager.

If an individual student is required to quarantine, they will be provided the option to transition into remote learning, if physically able, and those days will not count absences. If a classroom or multiple classrooms are required to quarantine due to a positive test, impacted students will transition into remote learning during the quarantine period. If a student is physically able to participate, those days will not be a counted as absences.

*Health and Safety*

**Will students and staff be required to wear a mask?**

Yes. The IDPH is always requiring face covering while anyone is in a school. Masks may be removed if classes move outside and if 6 feet or more distance is always maintained. Students will be allowed to remove masks when eating or drinking. There will be limited medical exemptions for children who may have sensory processing disorders. The process for waiving the mask requirements are still being determined. ISBE has more details in its Frequently Asked Questions Document.

[https://www.isbe.net/Documents/FAQ-Part-3-Transition-Guidance.pdf](https://www.isbe.net/Documents/FAQ-Part-3-Transition-Guidance.pdf)

Teachers are required to wear a mask. In addition, they may choose to a face shield. If a student chooses to wear a face shield, a mask must also be worn.

**For full day students: How can students eat lunch if required to wear a mask?**

Students can remove their masks to eat lunch but must be seated 6 feet apart. Berwyn Park District will be considering whether meals can be held outside. Students must wash hands before and after lunch.
Is 6 feet of social distancing required in other places in the Park District?

According to ISBE, social distancing must be observed as much as possible. Areas where students generally line up and congregate should have students spaced 6 feet apart. Teachers will use markers on the floor to help students meet social distancing requirements.

How is hygiene being addressed in the classrooms?

Appropriate handwashing hygiene will be taught and reinforced including washing hands with soap and water frequently, using hand sanitizer when needed, and visual and verbal reminder. Bathrooms will have proper supplies and extra time will be allowed throughout the day for hygiene practices.

Students will be asked to wash hands when they enter the building

What are the cleaning protocols for the building?

All buildings and classrooms will be cleaned nightly when school is in session. During the day, there will be frequent cleaning or disinfecting of high touch surfaces: handles, sinks, tables, and toys. Common area and the lobby will be cleaned throughout the day as well.

How does the Berwyn Park District disinfect and clean?

Over the summer, all Berwyn Park District facilities had an extensive deep cleaning in accordance with CDC and OSHA guidelines. Berwyn Park District will increase its daily cleaning protocols at all school buildings, with an emphasis on repeated cleaning of high-traffic areas and high touch areas (tables, light switches, doorknobs, drinking fountains and sinks.)

Disinfectant has been provided to ALL staff so the cleaning can occur throughout the day. Any area used by a sick person will be closed until proper cleaning and disinfection have been completed.

Remote Learning:

What will a day look like in remote learning?

Students will be engaged in 2.5 hours of synchronous and asynchronous learning (without live instruction).

For full day students a total of 5 hours of synchronous and asynchronous learning will happen.

Learning standards will be the same as utilized for in-person and or hybrid learning.

Information about Remote Learning and Zooming:

- Remote learning for Early Learners will take place Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for one hour on Zoom each day

- Remote learning for Purple Pals will take place Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday for one hour on Zoom each day
• Remote learning for Blue Buddies will take place Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for one hour on Zoom each day

• Full day students will have a Zoom call in the morning and the afternoon. They are highly encouraged to attend both meetings on Zoom.

• Attendance will be counted for remote learning

Preschool Connection Information:

• Circle time / Story times will be prerecorded links that will be sent out in the Preschool Connection Email.

• Preschool Connection will be sent out to all families that have the THEME, Zoom links for the week, and any other important information for the upcoming week

Preschool Enrichment Kits:

• On Friday’s students will pick up Preschool Enrichment Kits. These Preschool Enrichment Kits will guide parents and children through the week following the ECRLP’s core curriculum through a lesson plan that has the letter, shape, color, and number of the week specifically focusing on fine motor activities that support necessary preschool skills. All kits will have variety of projects and labeled materials that will make at home learning simple and easy to access.

• Pick up for kits are from 9:00-10:00 at Liberty Cultural Center -6445 W 27th Place Berwyn IL 60402