

# **BOWLEGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS COVID-19 RETURN TO LEARN 2023-2024**

## **COVID-19 Protocol for Bowlegs Public Schools**

### **Daily Screening**

1. Parent screening using CDC checklist; if parents send their child to school, they are certifying they have screened their child. It's the parent's responsibility to do the parent screening and it will be relied upon by the school district.
2. Staff also screen themselves; it is the staff member's responsibility to screen themselves before coming to work. By coming to work, then they are certifying they have screened themselves.

### **At School Procedures**

Teachers and staff temperatures will be checked at the beginning of each day.

Isolation Room: Any student or staff member who exhibits a fever of 100.1 degrees or more will be instantly isolated in a predetermined isolation room and immediately sent home.

After being sent home, the student or staff member cannot return to school until one of the following criteria is met:

Positive individuals must isolate for 5 days from date symptoms first appeared or the date of the test. The individual may return to school after the isolation period if no fever (100.1 or higher) is present for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications, and with improvement of other symptoms. The student or staff member may return of the 6<sup>th</sup> calendar day if symptoms have resolved.

- \* After a negative COVID test, the student or staff member can return to physical school after 1 day of being fever free with no fever reducing medication.
- \* The student will become a distance learner at home until he/she can return to school.
- \* The student will be counted as present because distance learning will be provided.
- \* The student will be entered into a database accessible only to necessary school personnel.
- \* Wearing of masks for students and school personnel will be a personal/parental preference. If a mask is chosen to be worn the student/school personnel must follow the CDC mask wearing protocol (mask will cover the nose and mouth) the entire school day with the only exception being while eating or drinking. Exception: If the State Color Coded Covid-19 Threat System reaches the appropriate color or we receive a mandate from the State, then mask wearing for students and school personnel will be required.
- \* Social distancing will be communicated to students in classroom settings but in other situations, this will not always be possible. When possible, family members/cohorts will be seated with each other.
- \* Hand sanitizer will be made available in every classroom. Enrollment packets will include information on respiratory etiquette and the importance of hand washing.
- \* Grades Headstart thru 12th will have staggered lunch times. This will keep the Cafeteria limited to 50% capacity.
- \* Elementary students will have P.E. and Recess.

- \* Appropriate accommodations will be made for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.
- \* Parents/Guardians will not be allowed in the school during regular school hours. There is a communication device at the North door to the high school that will allow you to talk with the Administrative staff if you need to pick your child up. Please do not attempt to enter any of the buildings.
- \* No visitors will be allowed in the school without prior approval by the building administration. All approved visitors will be go through the CDC symptom checklist, temperature taken and a mask must be worn.

### **Positive Case – Elementary Campus**

1. Enter students name into the State Infection Reporting System for Health Department as they begin contact tracing.
2. Communicate to staff
3. Communicate to applicable parents depending on classroom arrangement.
4. Thoroughly sanitize classroom.
5. Seminole County Health Department will decide which students must be quarantined and go to distance learning dependent on exposure level as determined by the county health officials. If the student has siblings, the siblings will be quarantined.
6. If the attendance of campus learners at the site and/or district where the positive case occurs reaches a 35% absenteeism rate, the site and/or district (dependent on school size and structure) will go to distance learning for 14 calendar days. The count starts on the first day of distance learning.

### **Positive Case – Secondary Level Campus (High School and Junior High)**

1. Enter students name into the State Infection Reporting System for Health Department as they begin contact tracing.
2. Communicate to staff
3. Communicate to parents at site about positive case
4. Thoroughly sanitize classroom.
5. Seminole County Health Department will decide which students must be quarantined and go to distance learning dependent on exposure level as determined by the county health officials. If the student has siblings, the siblings will be quarantined.
6. If the attendance at the site and/or district where the positive case occurs reaches a 35% absenteeism rate, the site and/or district (dependent on school size and structure) will go to distance learning for 14 calendar days. The count starts on the first day of distance learning.
7. Grab and Go meals will be provided starting on Day 1 of distance learning. Delivery will not be available.

### **Requirements for all elementary and secondary teachers**

1. Maximize classroom space.
2. One directional seating (for all classrooms that don't have tables)
3. Seating charts (required by all teachers for all classes)

### **Bus Transportation**

1. Recommend alternate transportation if possible for all bus riders.

2. Siblings/cohorts will be seated near each other.
3. Maximize air flow.
4. Seating chart required.

### **Facility Improvement**

Bowlegs School will continue to use every effort to sanitize and protect students and staff members. We also will be working to improve and update our facility so that we may continue to protect those on our campus from Covid-19. We will work to improve ventilation throughout our campus in an effort to reduce risk of exposure.