

Bainbridge-Guilford Central School Opening Plan

September 2023

The following is a summary of the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School's plan for safely opening schools this fall and is based on directives from the Centers for Disease Control, the New York State Education Department, the State Department of Health, and the Chenango County Department of Public Health. This plan is subject to change as we monitor local transmission rates, positivity rates, and new or additional guidance that may be released. This plan is built on a return to a "normal" school opening.

Mode of Instruction: Instruction for the 2023-2024 school year will be full-time and in person. If directed by state or county authorities to close to in-person instruction, we are ready to move to a remote instruction model on short notice.

Remote Learning: Will NOT be an option for students this year. All instruction will occur on campus.

Face Coverings: Individuals who test positive for Covid-19 must stay home for at least 5 days, and not return to school or work until they have been fever-free without the use of fever reducing medicine for 24 hours and their symptoms have resolved or are resolving. They are strongly recommended to wear a mask upon return to school or work for days 6-10.

Transportation: No restrictions.

Health and Safety: All classrooms and common areas in school buildings will be disinfected and cleaned on a regular basis. Hand washing and the use of sanitizer will be practiced and encouraged.

Screening: Daily health screening is not required. However, if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, they should stay home for at least 5 days, and not return to school or work until they have been fever-free without the use of fever reducing medicine for 24 hours and their symptoms have resolved or are resolving. They are strongly recommended to wear a mask upon return to school or work for days 6-10.

Symptomatic Protocol: Any student or staff member experiencing COVID-like symptoms should remain at home until receiving a negative test result. Students and staff who become ill with COVID-19 like symptoms during the school day will go to the school nurse for evaluation. Siblings of a symptomatic child will NOT be sent home this year unless symptomatic.

Child Nutrition: The district will not be delivering meals or doing curbside pick-up this year.

Interscholastic Athletics: Athletics will be held without restrictions at this time.

Please contact the district office with any questions at 607-967-6321.