

COVID Protocols

BALDWIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024-2025 COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Student and staff wellness is a priority for the Baldwin County School District. As we begin a new school year, we would like to remind you that the BCSD monitors the spread of **ALL** communicable or infectious diseases within our community and schools or facilities. Below is a resource from Spring 2024, when the CDC updated guidance for COVID for the general public **to align** with other respiratory diseases, such as influenza and RSV. For additional information, please review BCSD's Infectious Diseases [Policy GANA](#).

Please review the updated COVID-19 protocols for Baldwin County School District. This information is subject to revision based on guidance by the CDC, Georgia Department of Public Health (GaDPH), and the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE).

HELP PREVENT ILLNESS

To support the health and wellness of all, individuals should remain home if they do not feel well and should consider contacting their medical provider if they are experiencing any symptoms of illness.

GUIDANCE

NOTE: Updated on March 5, 2024, following release of updated CDC and Georgia Department of Public Health Guidelines

CDC has updated their guidance for COVID for the general public to align with other respiratory diseases, such as influenza and RSV. These updated recommendations do not apply to those that work in healthcare settings.

The updated guidance states the following:

- You can go back to your normal activities when, for at least 24 hours, both are true:
 - Your symptoms are getting better overall, and
 - You have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication).
- When you go back to your normal activities, take added precaution over the next 5 days, such as taking additional steps for cleaner air, hygiene, wearing a mask, physical distancing, and/or testing when you will be around other people indoors.
 - Keep in mind that you may still be able to spread the virus that made you sick, even if you are feeling better. You are likely to be less contagious at this time, depending on factors like how long you were sick or how sick you were.
 - If you develop a fever or you start to feel worse after you have gone back to normal activities, stay home and away from others again until, for at least 24 hours, both are true: your symptoms are improving overall, and

you have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication).
Then take added precaution for the next 5 days.

Resources:

<https://www.cdc.gov/covid/index.html>

<https://dph.georgia.gov/isolation-contact>

<https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/prevention/precautions-when-sick.html>

NOTIFICATION PROTOCOLS

- The Baldwin County School District remains in close contact with the Georgia Department of Public Health (GaDPH) / North Central Health District and will follow protocols of GaDPH notifiable diseases by reporting clusters of positive cases of COVID-19 to GaDPH. The safety and well-being of students and staff is one of our top priorities. For GaDPH / NCHD information, visit <https://northcentralhealthdistrict.org/>.
- COVID-positive individuals should isolate according to recommended public health guidelines.
- While it is not mandatory, if a student or employee tests positive for COVID-19, he/she is requested to notify the teacher, principal or supervisor. Principals will notify the school nurse and attendance clerk. Non-school staff are requested to notify their supervisor. Reporting cases of COVID-19 to the BCSD will help the District to follow GaDPH reporting protocols for cluster cases. *Please note, BCSD follows similar protocols for reporting cluster cases of flu.
- GaDPH Disease Reporting Information:
<https://dph.georgia.gov/epidemiology/disease-reporting>
- The Baldwin County School District will maintain student health data which is monitored by school nurses. Clusters of positive cases of communicable or infectious diseases in Baldwin County School District settings will be reported to GaDPH, per GaDPH guidelines.

GET VACCINATED

COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters are not required but are strongly recommended and encouraged for any eligible individual.

Where to get vaccinated:

- Baldwin County Health Department, 100 Ireland Drive, Milledgeville, GA 31061.
For more information, visit <https://northcentralhealthdistrict.org/baldwin-county-health-department/>

Appointments are not required; however, individuals may schedule vaccination appointments with the health department by calling 478-445-4274.

- Be Well Clinic located in the Early Learning Center building at 100 N. ABC Street, Milledgeville, GA 31061. For more information, visit <https://chcsga.org/locations/bee-well-clinic/>
- Visit www.vaccines.gov to plug in your ZIP code and find a location providing vaccinations near you.

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