

Divisions of Student Support Initiatives & Recovery; Strategy & Operations; and Safety, Security, & Emergency Preparedness

School Reopening: Phase 3 REVISED

August 10, 2021



Agenda.

- Executive Summary
- Full Reopening At-A-Glance
- School Reopening Gating Criteria: Where do we stand?
- 2021-22 Start of School
- Appendix



- Full reopening is recommended.
- Guidance from Public Health Experts supports in-person instruction.
- Vaccination is the best strategy for prevention.
- Proof of vaccination will not be required.
- Face coverings are required for all students, employees, and visitors
- The pandemic is NOT over. Conditions will be carefully monitored and adjustments made as needed.



Full Reopening At-A-Glance.

FROM

- Students attend school on-campus or remotely
- Mandatory face coverings
- 6' physical distancing
- 1 student per seat on buses
- Meal service & consumption models vary by school
- Athletics students assigned to pods
- School issues laptops to all students who need them
- 2 nurses per school
- COVID-19 testing provided by FDOH & other external sources
- 10-day quarantine for confirmed cases & direct exposures
- Daily cleaning of high-frequency touch points.
 Weekly power cleaning (1-2x)

TO

- On-campus school attendance no remote option
- Face coverings are required for students, employees, & visitors
- At least 3' of physical distancing is recommended
- Return to standard seating capacity on buses
- Meal service & consumption cafeteria & outdoor dining
- Athletics all facilities open. Follow FHSAA¹ sports timeline
- Laptops continue to be issued to students who need them
- Continue 2 nurses per school
- Voluntary COVID-19 testing (all schools) and vaccination (select schools)
- Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine
- Daily cleaning of high-frequency touch points. Weekly power cleaning; emergency power cleaning on request

¹ Florida High School Athletic Association



BCPS Gating Criteria: Current Situation.

Factor	Key Updates & Observations
Community reopening phase	 Broward County remains in Phase 2 until vaccination rates reach 66% & positivity rates are 3% or lower. Vaccination rates (at 72%) support move to Phase 3, but positivity rates are still too high (15.9% as of 8/5/21).
Disease progression	 Although the 7-month trend shows declining cases, there has been a dramatic uptick since June 20th. The highly contagious Delta variant is surging. There has been a sharp increase in weekly case counts among Ages 12 to 19.
Ability to manage the spread	 Multiple safe & effective vaccine options exist for adults (Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson). Pfizer vaccine is widely available for age 12+.
Health system capacity	 Local Hospitals have reported being overwhelmed by COVID_19 patients. Local hospitals are canceling elective surgeries to ensure adequate capacity for COVID-19 patients
District safeguards	 Requests for signage, PPE, & cleaning supplies will be provided continuously as needed. 2 Nurses per school will be continued. Voluntary testing will be available at all schools. Vaccination awareness will be promoted and opportunities will be available at select schools. Indoor Air Quality: Modifications made to EMS¹ & on/off schedules to increase inflow of outside air.
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A Return to Campus.

Leaderst	hip Week	0		
Level-Specific Professional Learning for Principals & Assistant Principals		Superintendent's State of the District		
8/10	8/11	8/12	8/13	
Finalization of All Planning & Preparations (District Operations)		Teacher Planning		
8/17	8/18	8/19	8/20	
Teacher Planning		Full Reopening		
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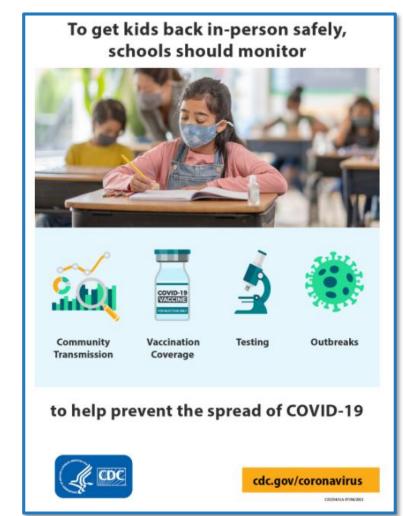
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Updated guidance from the CDC as of August 5th, 2021.

Emphasis on full reopening, with universal masking and layers of prevention encouraged

- Safely returning to in-person instruction in the fall 2021 is a priority regardless of whether all of the prevention strategies can be implemented at a school.
- Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Offer and/or promote vaccination.
- NEW: Due to the circulating and highly contagious Delta variant, CDC recommends universal indoor masking by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status. In general, face coverings are not needed when outdoors.
- Schools should maintain at least three (3) feet of physical distance between students within classrooms, combined with indoor face coverings worn by people who are not fully vaccinated to reduce transmission risk.
- Many schools serve children under the age of 12 who are not eligible for vaccination at this time. Therefore, **implementing layered prevention strategies** (e.g., using multiple prevention strategies together consistently) to protect students, teachers, staff, visitors, and other members of their households and support in-person learning is emphasized.





Updated guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics was issued on July 19th, 2021.

More cautious than the CDC, with universal face coverings recommended

- All policy considerations for school COVID-19 plans should start with a goal of keeping students safe and physically present in school.
- All eligible individuals should receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Universal wearing of face coverings is recommended, since many students are not yet eligible for the vaccine
 and there is no good system in place for tracking the vaccination status of students or employees.
- Schools must continue to take a multi-pronged, layered approach to protect students, teachers, and staff (ie, vaccination, universal face covering use, ventilation, testing, quarantining, and cleaning and disinfecting).



Safe Schools During the COVID-19 Pandemic

In order for schools to stay open for in-person learning during the pandemic, there are a number of steps they need to take to make sure students, staff and families and communities stay safe from COVID19.

www.healthychildren.org



Additional Prevention Strategies.

Additional strategies that are essential for safe delivery of in-person instruction in order to minimize spread of COVID-19 in schools:

- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Staying home when sick
- Cleaning and disinfecting facilities
- Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine
- COVID-19 testing

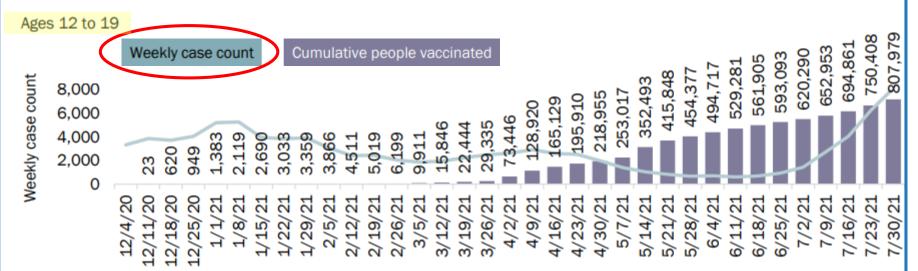




COVID-19 Vaccinations in State of Florida and Broward County.

		Cumulative (since March 1, 2020)			(Jı		is week August 05, 2021)		
County	2021 population	People vaccinated	Percent 12+ vaccinated	Cases	Case positivity	People vaccinated	Cases	New case positivity	Cases per 100,000 population
Florida	21,975,117	12,103,207	63%	2,725,450	18.5%	290,769	134,506	18.9%	612.1
Broward	1,965,657	1,220,175	72%	280,980	16.8%	28,245	12,590	15.9%	640.5

Cases and cumulative people vaccinated

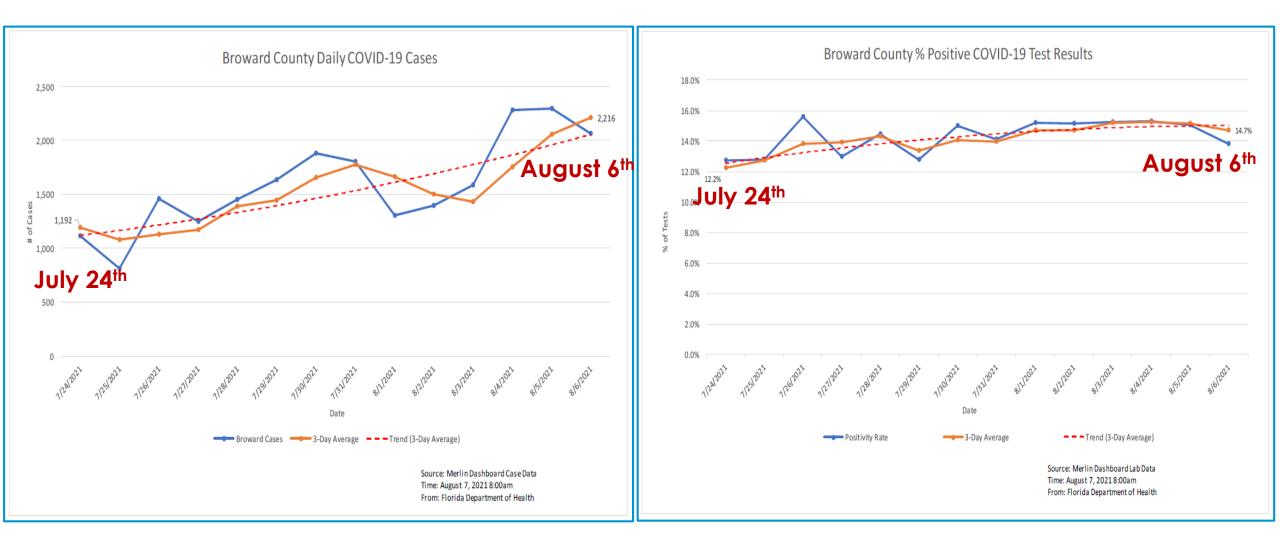


- Broward percent vaccinated better than State average
- New case positivity rates lower than Statewide average
- Sharp increase in cases among Ages 12 to 19

Data as of 08.05.21

Broward has seen an uptick in cases since the July 4th holiday.

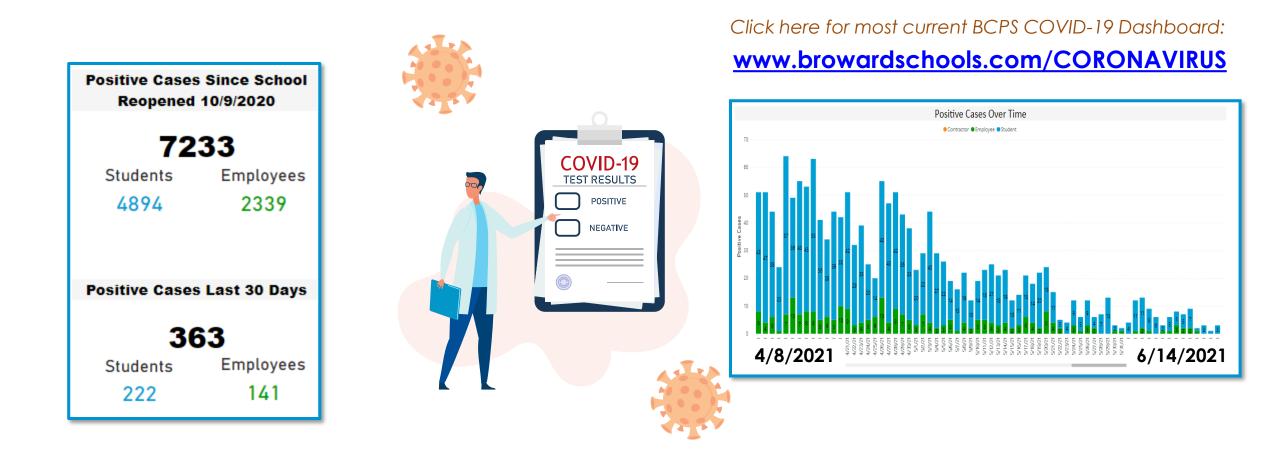
Data as of 08.06.21





COVID-19 dashboard: Broward County Public Schools

Data as of 08.06.21





Signage.







Signage from Phase 2 on mandated face coverings & 6' physical distancing will be removed.

Hand Washing CDC Poster

For each classroom, hallway, entry, etc.

Quantities:

- Elementary 150
- Middle 200
- High 300
- Centers 150
- Ancillary 150

Established 1915

Delivered



Quantities:

- Elementary 150
- Middle 200
- High 300
- Centers 150
- Ancillary 150

Delivered

Feeling Sick Easel Back Sign For front entry staff areas, cafeteria

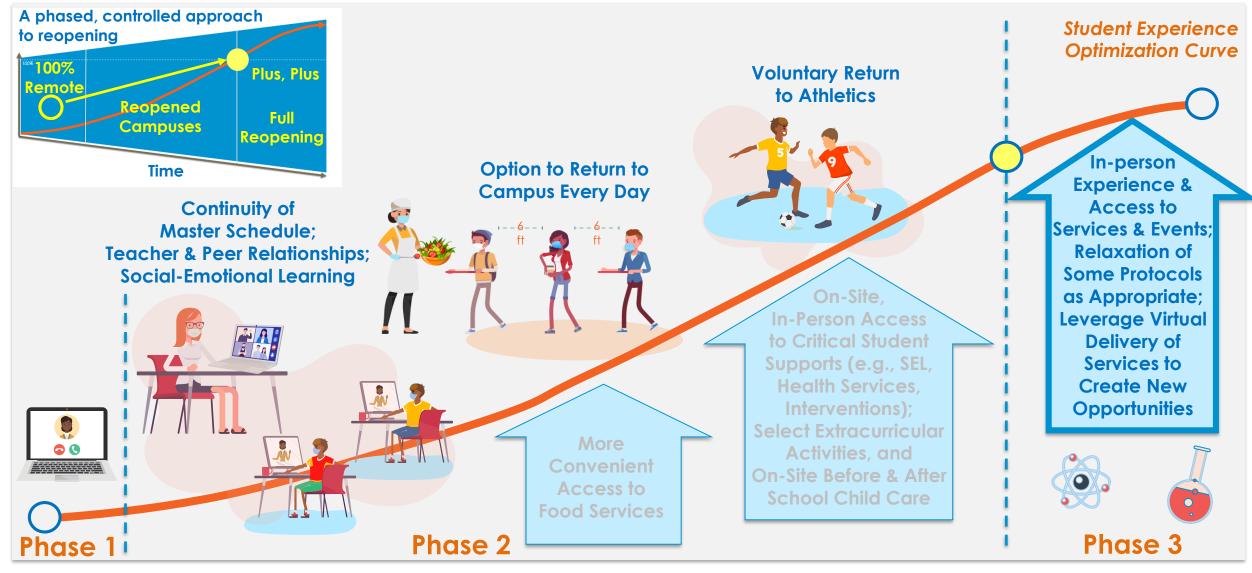
Quantities:

- Elementary 5
- Middle 5
- High 5
- Centers 5
- Ancillary 5

📝 Delivered



Full reopening is the next crucial step toward optimizing student experience.





Daily Health Screening.

All individuals should answer the following self-assessment questions at home each morning prior to departing to a Broward County Public Schools facility:

- Do I feel warm, have a fever or elevated temperature (100.4), or have the chills?
- Do I have a persistent cough, runny nose or sore throat?
- Have I recently had a loss of taste or smell?
- Has anyone in my household tested positive for COVID-19?
- Have I been in close, unprotected contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (spent longer than 15 minutes within 6 feet of someone who was sick with a fever and cough or confirmed/suspected of having COVID-19?)

- Am I feeling otherwise sick or ill today?
- Am I awaiting test results for COVID-19?
- Have I tested positive for COVID-19?
- Have I been told to self-quarantine or self-isolate by a doctor or District administrator?



Face Coverings.

From Policy 2170 – Face Coverings, Section II:

In consultation with and guidance from public health officials, the Superintendent has the authority to determine when the Face Covering Policy will be implemented and when it will no longer be required. Further, as new face coverings are developed and produced, the Superintendent is authorized to change the types of face coverings that would be both in compliance and not in compliance with this policy. (Adopted December 15, 2020)

Face Covering Expectations for Phase 3

- BCPS requires face coverings be worn indoors by all individuals aged 2 or older.
- When wearing a face covering, consistent and correct use is important:
 - A face covering should cover both the nose and mouth of the person and should fit snugly against the sides of the person's face with no gaps.



While vaccination is the best strategy for prevention against COVID-19, proof of vaccination will not be required.

From Florida Statutes, 381.00316 "COVID-19 Vaccine Documentation":

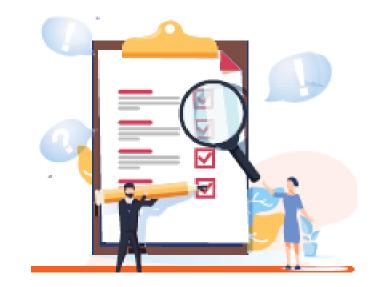
An educational institution as defined in Section 768.38 <u>may not require students or residents to</u> <u>provide any documentation certifying COVID-19 vaccination</u> or post-infection recovery for attendance or enrollment, or to gain access to, entry upon, or service from such educational institution in this state. This subsection does not otherwise restrict educational institutions from instituting screening protocols consistent with authoritative or controlling government-issued guidance to protect public health. (Effective July 1, 2021)



BCPS FAQs on Vaccination.

- 1) Can we ask parents to **voluntarily** provide a copy of their child's COVID -19 vaccination record to the school? **Yes**
- 2) Can we **require** parents to provide a copy of their child's COVID-19 vaccination record to the school? **No**
- 3) Can we input their vaccine information with a code into our TERMS system?

This will allow the school nurse to have easy access to the student's records to determine which isolation/quarantine protocol to follow. **Yes**





COVID-19 Testing Plan in Schools.

- Department of Health (DOH, Broward) and Broward Schools will provide COVID-19 testing in every school for students who show symptoms of COVID-19 and report to the Isolation Room at school.
- <u>Cue Rapid test</u> (nasal swab) and Diagnostic Laboratory PCR test (throat swab) will be performed with signed parent/guardian consent and validated with parent/guardian telephonic consent by the nurse for each student visiting the isolation room.
- <u>Close contacts</u> With all students who are identified as close contacts of an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 and are **not fully vaccinated**, the parent will be provided with a list of DOH COVID-19 testing sites as well as SBBC Return to School Guidelines. (Per CDC guidelines, if you are a close contact, the test must occur on day 5 or later).
- <u>Surveillance testing</u> (Voluntary) DOH, Broward will perform COVID-19 testing based on CDC guidance for selected athletic sports teams with written parent/guardian consent. The frequency of testing will be determined by the DOH.





Exposure to COVID-19.

Vaccinated BCPS students and staff with an exposure to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 are <u>not</u> required to quarantine if they meet the following criteria:

- At least two (2) weeks have passed since receiving the second dose in a 2-dose series, or at least two (2) weeks since receiving dosage of a single-dose vaccine; <u>AND</u>
- Have remained asymptomatic since their COVID-19 exposure.

Vaccinated BCPS students and staff who do <u>not</u> meet both of the above criteria should follow the updated quarantine guidance below after exposure to a confirmed case.

Individuals should be advised to continue monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days. If any symptoms develop, they should immediately self-isolate and be tested.

For individuals who are not vaccinated or who are not fully vaccinated:

Based on CDC public health recommendations, students and staff with an exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19 should quarantine.

- Return to school/work after day 7 (from last day of exposure) after receiving a negative PCR result (test must occur on day 5 or later).
- Return to school/work after day 10 (from last day of exposure) without testing if asymptomatic.

Individuals should be advised to continue monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days. If any symptoms develop, they should immediately self-isolate and be tested.





Updated Protocol for Individuals who Test Positive.

A negative PCR test will not be required to return to school or work after isolation.

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and **have symptoms** may return after the following criteria are met:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms began or date of initial test AND
- At least 24 hours have passed with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND
- Other symptoms have improved.

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and **have no symptoms**, may return after the following criteria are met:

• At least 10 days have passed since the date of the positive test result.





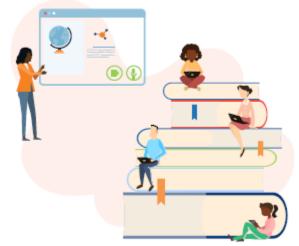


Communication.

Website updates:

- New graphic: BCPS "Ready for You!"
- <u>www.browardschools.com/registermychild</u> page on District website
- Q&A webpage
- Back to School Landing Page on District website
- Back to School **Toolkit**, which will be promoted through:
 - News release
 - ParentLink
 - Memo to all leadership and principals
 - Link to school websites
 - Social Media
 - Legislative Affairs (to reach municipalities to make available to their constituents)
- New: Back to School Landing Page for Schools
 - Provides links to Toolkit
 - Customizable by each school's web content manager











OPERATIONAL GAME PLAN UPDATES

Physical Distancing Protocols
Health, Hygiene, & Sanitation
Exceptional Student Education (ESE)
Child Care
Safety & Security
Transportation
Food Service
Technology
Athletics & Other Programming
Family Communications

Note: Plans for Learning Acceleration and Student Support Initiatives & Recovery were presented at the June 22nd Board Workshop.



Operational Game Plan Updates for Phase 3.



Physical Distancing	 Per public health guidance, at least three (3) feet of physical distance between individuals should be maintained, when possible. Face coverings are mandatory for all students, employees, and visitors to reduce transmission risk. 					
Health, Hygiene, and Sanitation	 Standard sanitation protocols: Daily cleaning of high-frequency touch points. In addition, power cleaning will be done one (1) time per week and on an emergency basis as needed. Power cleaning includes using electrostatic misters. Emergency cleaning will be done after suspected/confirmed cases. PPE: All students, employees, and visitors, vendors must properly wear a face covering while at or inside a school/facility, or other vehicle owned, leased or operated by BCPS. Testing: Department of Health (DOH, Broward) & BCPS will provide COVID-19 testing in every school for students who show symptoms of COVID-19. Quarantine: Fully vaccinated individuals who received their final dose 2+ weeks before exposure & are asymptomatic are not required to quarantine when exposed to a positive case. Those who are unvaccinated should quarantine 7 days (if negative after a PCR test on day 5 or later following exposure) or 10 days (if not tested but remain asymptomatic). 					
ESE	 PPE for students: All students with disabilities (SWDs) are considered in the protocols and resource needs associated with the non-SWD population unless documented in their IEP PPE for adults: Specialized PPE for-Teachers, ESPs, and/or Service Providers of SWDs will continue to be available. Physical distancing: Classroom equipment will allow for physical separation 					
Child Care	 With full reopening, all Before and After Care programs will resume, adhering to all Phase 3 health, hygiene, & sanitation guidelines. 					
Safety & Security	• Visitors and deliveries. With full reopening, visitation and deliveries to BCPS sites will return to standard procedures.					
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Operational Game Plan Updates for Phase 3, **continued**.



	Seating on buses: Return to standard seating capacity.
	 Cleaning & sanitation: Bus drivers required to sanitize seats between school runs. Additional deep cleaning occurs overnight.
Transportation	 Workforce recruitment: Extremely high vacancy rates remain. An aggressive recruitment effort is underway. BCPS needs to ensure competitive, attractive wages to gain applicant interest and traction. Higher wages & sign-on bonuses are recommended.
	 Routing: Routing for all eligible students (~90,000) will be completed by August 8th.
	• Communication : Continuation of communications with FOPE-4 to address areas of mutual interest & concerns over topics such as cleaning protocols, route viewing, & route selection.
	• Meal service & consumption: School cafeterias will be open for meal service & consumption. Students will
Food Services	receive meals via the traditional meal service line. Meal consumption will be available in the cafeteria/outdoor area. Grab-n-Go Meal distribution is suspended.
	• Staffing & meal reimbursement : All employees will report for scheduled shifts as per the approved 189- and 204- day calendar. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) will transition to the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) USDA Waiver (August 18th- June 9 th), which allows <u>all</u> students access to Free Lunch. Universal Free Breakfast is available to all students. Supper is available at no charge under a USDA Waiver.
	• Meal Benefit Applications: Collection of Meal Benefit Applications will continue, as they inform eligibility for Title I funds and other District programs.
	 Adult meals: Adult Meals will not be free but will be available to the Community or Staff at a price of \$2.75 (lunch) & \$1.80 (breakfast)
	• Cleaning & sanitation : Tables will be cleaned and sanitized by Food & Nutrition Services staff between meal periods and at the conclusion of Breakfast and Lunch meal service periods using an approved sanitizing agent.
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Operational Game Plan Updates for Phase 3, continued.



Technology	 Laptops: All student laptops should be returned to school at the beginning of the school year for updating, sanitization, inventory, and re-distribution to provide as needed to students with an emphasis on "bridging the homework gap" created by our migration to virtual services during COVID-19 as defined (and refined) by the Office of Academics and OSPA. 			
Athletics & Other Programming	 Opening of all athletic facilities: Open all facilities and follow the FHSAA sports timeline. Follow FHSAA guidelines for face coverings for indoor sports. Other programming: All club, BAND, SGA, NHS, FFEA, ROTC and Academic Games will resume following all District health & safety protocols. 			
Family Communication	at-large and media will be informed and kept be completed & distributed after the 7/27 Boo	 ganizations, staff, community partners, government, community- up-to-date about the Back-To-School Plan. Communication will and Workshop. Communication channels: Dedicated District webpage ParentLink emails, robocalls and text; mobile app Social media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube) BECON-TV, WKPX Radio Video updates Press releases/press conference Traditional media (TV, radio, print: feature stories, interviews) Switchboard; Canvas; school websites Media availability after 7/27 School Board Workshop 		

o DAC, SAC, PTA meetings



Local Department of Health Testing & Vaccination Sites.

Not shown: the many private providers of testing & vaccines

Test Collection Sites

Boulevard Heights Community Center (Walk-Up)

6770 Garfield Street Hollywood, FL 33024 Open 8am – 4pm Tuesday through Saturday. Free testing, appointment not required. Face covering is required.

Mills Pond Park (Drive-Through)

2201 NW 9th Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 Open 8am – 4pm Sunday through Thursday. Free PCR testing only (no rapid test), appointment not required. Facial covering is required. Vehicle must have windows that fully open and close. Patients will receive test results in several days via text messagina.

Check for Updates!

Source: www.broward.org/CoronaVirus



Vaccination Sites

C.B. Smith Park (Walk-Up)

900 N. Flamingo Road Pembroke Pines, FL 33028

Central Broward Park & Broward County Stadium (Drive-Through)

3700 NW 11th Place Lauderhill, FL 33311

Coral Square Mall (Walk-Up, Weekend Hours)

9469 W. Atlantic Boulevard Coral Springs, FL 33071

Hispanic Unity (Walk-Up, Saturday Hours)

5840 Johnson Street Hollywood, FL 33021

Nova Southeastern University (Walk-Up, Weekend Hours)

7901 SW 36th Street, Suite 209 Davie, FL 33328

Pompano Beach Citi Centre (Drive-Through, Saturday Hours) 1955 N. Federal Highway Pompano Beach, FL 33062

Quiet Waters Park (Drive-Through,

Sunday Hours) – Closing 7/29 401 S. Powerline Road Deerfield Beach, FL 33442

Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park (Drive Through, Saturday Hours)

2520 NW 6th Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Vincent Torres Park (Walk-Up, Saturday Hours)

4331 NW 36th Street Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33319

Vizcaya Park (Walk-Up, Saturday Hours)

14200 SW 55th Street Miramar, FL 33027

July & August 2021 "Pop-Up" Vaccination Sites.

July, 2021 COVID-19 Pop-Up Vaccination Sites (Pfizer) Ages 12 and up! No appointment required! No insurance necessary!



Bahia Mar Hotel

801 Seabreeze Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316 Thursday, July 22 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Lago Mar Hotel

100 South Ocean Ln. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316 Friday, July 23 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Miramar City Hall 2400 Civic Center PI.

Miramar, FL 33025 Saturday, July 17 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Lauderhill Mall Bus

Transfer Facility 1409 SW 40th Ave. Lauderhill, FL 33313 Wednesday, July 14 - July 17 2:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Holman Enterprises BMW/Mini

2601 S. Andrews Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316 Thursday, July 15 & August 5 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Mount Pisgah Baptist Church

891 NW 27th Ave. Pompano Beach, FL 33069 Saturday, July 17 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Pelican Grand Hotel

2000 N. Ocean Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33305 Monday, July 19 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Hilton Ft. Lauderdale

Beach Resort 505 N. Ft. Lauderdale Beach Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304 Tuesday, July 20 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Plantation West Regional

Bus Terminal 100 N. Pine Island Rd.

Plantation, FL 33324 Thursday, July 22 - July 24 2:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Korean United Methodist Church of South Florida

6501 W. Commercial Blvd. Tamarac, FL 33319 Saturday, July 24 & Saturday August 14 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

St. Vincent Catholic Church

6350 NW 18th St. Margate, FL 33063 Sunday, July 25 & August 15 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

First Haitian Baptist Church

333 Hammondville Rd. Pompano Beach, FL 33060 Sunday, July 25 & Sunday, August 15 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Broward Central Bus Terminal 101 NW 1st Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

Thursday, July 29 - July 31 2:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

August, 2021 COVID-19 Pop-Up Vaccination Sites (Pfizer) Ages 12 and up! No appointment required! No insurance necessary!



Praise Tabernacle 1050 NW. 43rd Ave. Plantation, FL 33313

Plantation, FL 33313 Sunday, August 1 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Holman Enterprises BMW/Mini

2601 S. Andrews Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316 Thursday, August 5 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Dillard High School

2501 NW. 11th St. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311 Thursday, August 5 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church Piney Grove

4699 W. Oakland Park Bivd. Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33313 Saturday, August 7 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Broward County Courthouse

201 SE 6th St. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 Monday, August 9 & August 16 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Phyl's Academy

7205 Royal Palm Blvd. Margate, FL 33063 Thursday, August 12 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Plantation West Regional Bus Terminal

100 N. Pine Island Rd. Plantation, FL 33324 Thursday, August 12 - August 14 2:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Weston Community Center

20200 Saddle Club Rd. Weston, FL 33327 Saturday, August 14 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Korean United Methodist Church of

South Florida 6501 W. Commercial Blvd. Tamarac, FL 33319 Saturday August 14 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Cleveland's Old Fashioned Ice Cream

6933 Miramar Pkwy. Miramar, FL 33023 Saturday, August 14 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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COVID-19 Vaccination FAQs.

1. Do I need to be a resident of Florida to receive a COVID-19 vaccine?

State Surgeon General Scott Rivkees issued a Public Health Advisory on April 29, 2021, authorizing the administration of COVID-19 vaccines to any eligible person (as authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration) who is a Florida resident or people who are in Florida for the purpose of providing goods or services for the benefit of residents and visitors of the state, including farmworkers, construction workers, and those working in Florida's tourism industry.

2. Where can I get a COVID-19 vaccine?

There are over 1,000 vaccination sites available across Florida, including county health departments, retail pharmacy partners Publix, Walmart/Sam's Club, and Southeastern Grocers (Winn-Dixie, Harveys, and Fresco y Más), and community and faith-based vaccination sites. You can find vaccination sites by county or city and contact information for each location on the Florida Department of Health's <u>Vaccine Locator</u> <u>Page</u>. You can preregister with the statewide preregistration system by either calling each county's designated phone number (a complete list of phone numbers is available on the Florida Department of Health's <u>COVID-19 Vaccines in Florida Webpage</u>) or visiting <u>MyVaccine.FL.gov</u>.

3. When will I be able to get a COVID-19 vaccine?

All Floridians are eligible to receive any COVID-19 vaccine as authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in Florida.

4. What COVID-19 vaccines are available and for what ages?

There are currently three vaccines authorized and recommended to prevent COVID-19 in the U.S.:

- The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for persons 12 years of age and older.
- The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for persons 18 years of age and older.
- Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine for persons 18 years of age and older.

The Florida Department of Health will continue to provide information to the public as other COVID-19 vaccines become available.

5. Are COVID-19 vaccines safe and effective?

Yes, the U.S. vaccine safety system makes sure that all vaccines are as safe as possible. All COVID-19 vaccines that are being used have gone through the same safety tests and meet the same standards as any other vaccines produced through the years. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention monitor vaccine safety and side effects once vaccines are in use.



COVID-19 Vaccination FAQs, continued.

6. How did COVID-19 vaccines get developed so fast?

Researchers used existing clinical trial networks to begin conducting COVID-19 vaccine trials. Manufacturing was started while the clinical trials were still underway. Normally, manufacturers conserve their resources by waiting to begin manufacturing until after completion of the trials. mRNA vaccines, like Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna, can be manufactured in large amounts more quickly than traditional vaccines. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are prioritizing review, authorization, and recommendation of COVID-19 vaccines.

7. How much does it cost to get a COVID-19 vaccine?

The federal government is providing COVID-19 vaccines free of charge to people living in the U.S. If you are denied a vaccine or asked to pay any fee, please contact the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General hotline at 1-800-447-8477 or <u>TIPS.HHS.GOV</u>. For more information visit: <u>www.CDC.gov/Coronavirus/2019-nCoV/Vaccines/KeyThingsToKnow.html</u>.

8. What are common side effects after getting a COVID-19 vaccine?

After vaccination, you might have some side effects. These will likely go away in a few days. Side effects are normal signs your body is building protection. Common side effects may include: pain and swelling on the arm where you received the shot, fever, chills, tiredness, and headache.

9. What do I need to know about Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine?

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, while rare, some people (mostly females 18-49 years of age) have developed blood clots with low levels of platelets (blood cells that help your body stop bleeding) after getting Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. Symptoms often began about one to two weeks following vaccination. You should seek medical attention right away if you have any of the following symptoms: shortness of breath, chest pain, leg swelling, persistent abdominal pain, severe or persistent headaches or blurred vision, or easy bruising or tiny blood spots under the skin beyond the site where you received the shot.

10. Can I get a COVID-19 vaccine if I am pregnant?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, although the overall risk is low, pregnant people are at an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 when compared to non-pregnant people. Pregnant people with COVID-19 might also be at increased risk for other poor outcomes related to pregnancy, such as preterm birth. Experts think COVID-19 vaccines are unlikely to pose a specific risk for pregnant people. However, there are currently limited data on the safety of COVID-19 vaccines in pregnant people. So far, systems in place to monitor vaccine safety have not identified any specific safety concerns for pregnant people. If you are unsure, you should speak with your health care provider.



COVID-19 Vaccination FAQs, continued.

11. Can COVID-19 vaccines cause infertility?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there is currently no evidence that any vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines, cause fertility problems. If you are trying to become pregnant, you do not need to avoid pregnancy after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

12. Can COVID-19 vaccines give me COVID-19 or affect my DNA?

No, COVID-19 vaccines cannot give you COVID-19 and do not affect your DNA. There are currently two types of COVID-19 vaccines authorized and recommended to prevent COVID-19 in the U.S.:

- mRNA COVID-19 vaccines.
- Viral vector COVID-19 vaccines.

Essentially, both vaccine types are instructions for your body's immune system on how to make examples of the spike proteins found on the surface of the COVID-19 virus. The main difference between these two types of vaccines is how these instructions get delivered to your body's immune system. mRNA COVID-19 vaccines (like Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna):

- Do not contain any virus, so they cannot give you COVID-19.
- Use mRNA to deliver instructions to your body on how to make the spike proteins.
 - > o mRNA never enters the nucleus of your cells, which is where your DNA is kept.
 - > o After the mRNA delivers the instructions, your cells break it down and get rid of it.
- Cannot change your DNA in any way.

Viral vector COVID-19 vaccines (like Johnson & Johnson's Janssen):

- Use a harmless version of a different virus (called a "vector") to deliver instructions to your body
- on how to make the spike proteins.
- Do not contain the COVID-19 virus and cannot give you COVID-19.
- Cannot change your DNA in any way.

13. If I already had COVID-19 and recovered, do I still need to get a COVID-19 vaccine?

You should be vaccinated regardless of whether you already had COVID-19. That is because we are still learning how long you are protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19. Even if you have already recovered from COVID-19, it is possible—although rare—that you could be infected again. If you were treated for COVID-19 with monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma, you should wait 90 days before getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Talk to your health care provider if you are unsure what treatments you received or if you have more questions about getting a COVID-19 vaccine.



COVID-19 Vaccination FAQs, continued.

14. When am I considered fully vaccinated?

You are fully vaccinated when your body has built up protection against the virus. That is two weeks after:

- The second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines.
- The single-dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

15. What if I am not fully vaccinated?

Until you are fully vaccinated, keep using COVID-19 mitigation strategies: wear a mask, stay six feet apart from others, avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, and wash your hands often.

16. Do I still need to watch for COVID-19 symptoms?

Yes, regardless of vaccination status, you should continue to watch for symptoms of COVID-19. If you develop symptoms, you should stay away from others and be evaluated. This may include getting tested for COVID-19.

17. Do COVID-19 vaccines work against new variants of the COVID-19 virus?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, current data suggest that COVID-19 vaccines used in the U.S. are effective against known variants of the COVID-19 virus



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