

BBMS Updated Plans for COVID

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Dear BBMS Families,

As COVID-19 positivity rates continue to climb in Howard County, we want to reassure you that we are making precautions at BBMS to keep our students and staff as safe and healthy as possible.

Please read these guidelines carefully: <https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2022/01/updated-covid-mitigation-efforts-in-hcpss-schools-jan-3-2022/#masks>

Wearing masks properly, washing your hands, and having vaccines have shown to be the best ways to reduce the risk of being infected with COVID-19. BBMS has plenty of masks on hand for students; and we expect to receive KN95 masks soon. Here is a great video to show students about a way to improve the fit of a surgical mask: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TTg53aAP8Q> **It is also a great way to keep your glasses from fogging up!**

LUNCH / RECESS / OUTDOOR DINING

We've received a few questions about whether outdoor lunch will continue. Yes, we will continue to allow outdoor lunch every day as long as temperatures and weather permits. Right now, the blacktop area and grounds are snow covered, so students will not be able to go outside during lunch. So, we set up tables in our hallways and cafeteria lobby to allow students to spread out and eat in a less congested way. We also use our Media Center and extra classrooms for eating spaces when we have available staff to supervise students. Plexiglass partitions are up in the cafeteria and will be used for all grades; not just 6th grade. **Please see what these areas look like:** [Copy of BBMS Lunch Slides Jan21-22.pdf](#)

Hand sanitizing stations are located at each entrance to the school, by the gym and cafeteria. Classrooms are equipped with hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, and spray bottles. Students should use these throughout the day and consider wiping off their desk in each class to reduce risks by keeping areas disinfected.

Our custodial staff circulates throughout the building during the day to wipe down high use areas like door handles and bathrooms. These efforts, along with consistent proper mask wearing and hand washing, will help everyone stay healthy. Thank you for taking the time to read this carefully and for sharing it with your students. Together, we are #ONEBBMS!

Sincerely,

Dr. Cockley, Principal

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