

BPS COVID-19 Learning Format Decision FAQs

What criteria was used in creating the decision matrix?

Overall, there are two sets of criteria. One for community impact and one for school impact. In the community date, case transmission rate per 100K for the top 7 BPS student zip codes and hospital surge plan tiers are used. For the school impact, we looked at teacher positive or quarantine numbers, available subs, number of classrooms that would need to be combined in case of absent teacher and percentage of positive or quarantined students.

Why are there two matrix plans for each school?

The matrix has two different plans for each school. One is when we look at transitioning from A/B to in-person or A/B to virtual and the other is transitioning from virtual into either A/B or full time learning. Read below to see how this is broken down.

These criteria are used to determine when to transition from virtual learning to A/B learning.

Community Impact Criteria

- Case Transmission rate per 100K for top 7 BPS student zip codes (1692 students)
- Hospital Surge Plan Tier

School Impact Criteria

- Teachers Covid Positive or Covid Quarantined per school
- Number of Subs or Support Staff available to supervise classes

These criteria are used to determine when to transition from A/B to In-Person or A/B to Virtual

Community Impact Metrics

- Case Transmission rate per 100K for top 7 BPS student zip codes (1692 students)
- Hospital Surge Plan Tier

School Impact Criteria

- Number of classrooms which must be combined to ensure supervision for absent teachers (HS,MS)
- Teachers Covid Positive or Covid Quarantined per school (elementary)
- Percentage of students Covid Positive or Quarantined

How will the vaccine impact things?

The Governor has moved school personnel up the list for COVID vaccinations. We hope to receive vaccinations in late January or February. Regular subs are eligible to receive the vaccine when the staff receives it.

How can I help the school?

There are many ways you can help us keep our kids in school and learning.

- Consider subbing. Maybe you can only sub on a certain day we can work with that. It is a great way to be involved in our schools and help out too. We pay \$65 per day for a certified sub and \$55 per day for a non-certified sub. Call Carolyn Work at 405-789-3801 or email her at cwork@bethanyschools.com for more information or to sign up.
- Regular subs are eligible to receive the vaccine when the staff receives it. We would need a commitment from you for this to happen. I will speak with our school attorney next week to see what that commitment will entail.
- Send our teachers and principal emails or texts of support. This pandemic has not been easy for anyone. Sending kind messages of support does a great deal of good for everyone.
- We are a family, let's treat each other like family. It is ok to ask questions or disagree, please do that respectfully and appropriately.

I'm not ready for my child to return to in-person learning. What options do I have?

Some of you may not feel comfortable sending your children back to school yet. You may want to wait a week, or two or more. That is ok. We are going to be flexible on going to distance learning and returning back to in person learning. It does take a great deal of effort on the part of teachers to change a student from one format to the other so, we ask that you do not change regularly. We understand that circumstances change. Speak to your child's principal by phone or email to discuss switching.

I cannot reach anyone at the school and don't want my child to attend on Monday, Jan. 4, what do should I do?

Do not worry if you can't reach anyone before Monday Jan. 4 and you want to keep your child in distance learning for an undetermined amount of time. Keep your student home and call the school on January 4. You can also send the principal an email but they likely will not respond before January 4th.

Who makes the final decision about what learning format we are in for each school?

The school board will make the final decision on the learning format for each school. The administration will use the matrix to make a recommendation. Board members will review the information and provide feedback. The administration will follow the direction of the board.