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Additional Information:

- This special *Returning to School* bulletin has been produced utilizing information available at the time of publication.
- Statistics quoted are taken from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
- Medical advice is not inferred or implied through this publication. Please consult with your physician.
- Remember to contact your child’s school with your concerns or questions. Keep social media hype and rumor from ruining your positive mental health. Get the facts! Let us know of your concerns.
- For information related to all after-school programs, functions, field trips, and extracurricular activities, please follow us on your school’s Facebook, website, or call your school’s main office for schedules and changes to scheduled events.

Resilience:
“an ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change.”
-Merriam-Webster Dictionary

Levy County School District

“Sensible in Levy”

A Common Sense Approach to Returning to School on August 10, 2020

Current Plan is as of 6/23/20, as conditions change this plan will adapt as necessary conditions dictate.

Returning to School

What You Need to Know

The School Board of Levy County (SBLC) believes in the strength and resilience of our nation, state, and county. We believe that students and parents, along with the community, must resume the new school year with as much normalcy as possible, as we all learn to live in the Coronavirus (COVID-19) world. Life for students, families, community, and the school district must move forward, as the education of our citizens of tomorrow is of paramount importance in our ability for us to thrive as a community. This informational bulletin is being provided so that all stakeholders know and understand how we as a school district, plan to conquer and make the 2020-2021 school year a meaningful and positive experience for our students.

Preparing for Back to School

All school district facilities and transportation vehicles have been sanitized to ensure a clean and safe return for faculty, staff, and students.

Have you as a parent, your children, or other family members been exposed to or tested positive for COVID-19? Please contact your school health clinic to speak with the licensed health professional to discuss your particular circumstances prior to the first day of school on August 10.

With COVID-19 information and guidance changing constantly, many opinions exist on the topic of prevention related to the disease. Screening questions and temperature checks for school-aged children have not proven to be good indicators of whether a student is COVID-19 positive. Many children do not have symptoms beyond what might resemble a common cold.

As a reminder, it is recommended that parents communicate with their child’s doctor to make sure that he/she is up to date with recommended vaccinations and vaccinations required for school and overall good health prevention.

Parents of Students with Disabilities, who are medically fragile, have a compromised immune system or underlying health conditions may contact his/her child’s school to discuss any concerns you may have.

Our district has also prepared a plan to continue education if we are hit with another shutdown. The plan includes greater technological capabilities, such as an improved curriculum platform through Canvas, teacher technology training and extended internet availability beyond the school campus. All of this would be available in the event we are again faced with limited campus access.

Once the School Year Begins: Prevention of Illness

- ◆ Regular handwashing upon entering school, and during periods of student transition from one location to the next, will be taught and stressed.
- ◆ Hand sanitizing stations will be available in high traffic areas such as gymnasiums, cafeterias, auditoriums, media centers, and outside playgrounds.
- ◆ Signage to include reminders for good prevention of illness and overall wellness will be posted and standardized across all departments and schools.
- ◆ Students are to have and not share personal items such as hygiene items, school supplies, or food/drink. Parents should consider acquiring back to school supplies early, including personal sanitation items for their child, as supplies before school starts may be in short supply.
- ◆ School buildings will continue to be cleaned daily. High traffic areas will be cleaned throughout the day as student occupancy dictates.
- ◆ School buses and seats will be cleaned prior to each morning pick-up and before afternoon routes for drop-off.
- ◆ Water fountains, restrooms, sinks, faucets, door handles, desktops, cafeteria lines, railings, and tables will be cleaned at increased frequency.
- ◆ Student social distancing will be observed in all venues to the degree allowed by available space.

“We need to focus on facts and not fear. And I think that there’s been a lot that’s been done to try to promote fear, to promote worst case scenarios, to drive hysteria.” ~Governor Ron DeSantis, April 29, 2020

Once the School Year Begins: Prevention and Response to Illness

Should a child, faculty, or staff member exhibit signs or symptoms of COVID-19, the individual should report these concerns to the school nurse immediately for initial evaluation.

If an individual is found to test positive for COVID-19, the local health department, in conjunction with the Florida Department of Health, will assist the school district in implementing the proper steps to prevent further exposure or transmission of COVID-19.

An affected COVID-19 positive individual will not be able to return to work or school until cleared by a physician with a doctor’s note reflecting the date of allowed return. For the health, safety, and welfare of all individuals, this requirement cannot be waived. Student absences will be excused for the duration of time reflected only on the doctor’s note.

Students with any illness that exhibits a fever, must remain at home and will not be allowed to return to school until fever free, without medication, for 24 hours/1

day. The student’s temperature will be checked by the school nurse prior to re-entry to class.

Other Items of Interest

- ◆ Masks are not required. Faculty, staff, and students may wear a mask that is self-provided. Student masks, if worn, should adhere to the district and school dress code policy. The school district is not responsible for ensuring that the student wears the self-provided mask.
- ◆ Good overall hygiene and illness prevention will continue to be stressed at school. Please stress this importance at home as well.
- ◆ Daily temperature checks of all individuals will not be done as this is not a recommended practice due to the many reasons a fever may exist. It is also not a good predictor of COVID-19 presence in children.
- ◆ Schools will develop additional safety procedures based on facilities and staff.

Did You Know?

Get your flu vaccine!

- ◆ Children are more likely to have serious, life-threatening complications from the seasonal flu than they are from COVID-19.
- ◆ One (1) individual in the State of Florida, age 25 or younger, has been lost to COVID-19.
- ◆ As of May 6, 2020, ten children ages 14 and younger, and 48 young people between ages 15-24, died nationwide due to COVID-19. Sadly, nearly 600 children died from the flu during the 2017-2018 flu season.

School Contact Information

Area Code (352)

Bronson Elementary School	486-5281
Bronson Middle High School	486-5260
Cedar Key School	543-5223
Chiefland Elementary	493-6040
Chiefland Middle High School	493-6000
Joyce Bullock Elementary School	528-3341
Williston Elementary School	528-6030
Williston Middle High School	528-3542
Yankeetown School	447-2372
Whispering Winds Charter School	490-5799
Nature Coast Middle Charter School	490-0700
SBLC District Office	486-5231