# Fifth District Opening Information

**(Arrival 8:45-9:00/ Dismissal 3:45)**

Introductory statement: Fifth District in person learning will focus on five key mitigation strategies and will be adjusted based on BCPS guidance (face covering, social distancing, hand hygiene, cleaning, and contact tracing). Our emphasis on social emotional learning through Conscious Discipline will support our students and staff. We will provide high quality, rigorous academic instruction with an emphasis on learner variability.

Use this [site](#) to find all resources related to COVID for Baltimore County Public Schools.

## Arrival & Dismissal Procedures
- Arrival procedures will remain consistent from past years. However, we will adjust traffic patterns to increase social distancing.
- Bus dismissal procedures will remain consistent from past years. However, we will reduce the number of buses called, adjust traffic patterns to increase social distancing.
- Parents/guardians will no longer enter the building for pick up. Students will be dismissed from KG doors and loaded into their vehicles in the side parking lot. Parents/guardians should have a sign in the passenger side window listing student’s names.

## Screening & Testing *(Safety is Our True North)*
- All families should screen students for symptoms prior to leaving home.
- Please use this [checklist](#) to determine if a student should or should not go to school.
- Persons with COVID-19 symptoms in school will be required to be tested or will be placed on quarantine, in alignment with guidance from the Maryland Department of Health.

## Face Covering *(Safety is Our True North)*
**Requirements:** All persons, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a face covering while inside a school. Exceptions to this requirement are:
- The person is alone in a private space.
- The person is eating or drinking.
- The person has a documented physical or developmental disability that makes wearing a mask unsafe.
- The person is under the age of two.

The person is a student athlete engaged in the sport in the field of play.

## Social Distancing *(Safety is Our True North)*
**Requirements:** Physical distancing of students from each other and between students and adults will be provided to the greatest extent possible, considering school enrollment and facility constraints. Strategies include:
- Use of classroom and cafeteria configurations that provide maximal separation between students.
- Plans for arrival, dismissal, and change of classes to reduce gathering of students in any area.
- Restriction of field trips to day trips only, with plans to reduce exposure to large crowds.
- Plans for supervision of restrooms, locker rooms, and school lockers to prevent congregation of students.

## Hand Hygiene *(Safety is Our True North)*
**Requirements:** Employees and students have been instructed to adhere to best practices in hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.

Times for handwashing or use of hand sanitizer to include before and after meals, upon arrival to schools’ offices and home, before and after use of any shared items, after use of the restroom, after sneezing/coughing and other time hands are contaminated.

## Breakfast & Lunch
- Lunch and breakfast are universal and available to all students upon request.
- Students will have an opportunity to take a breakfast as they enter the door to consume in their classroom.
- Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria.
- The cafeteria will serve one grade level at a time seated in class by class.
- Students will eat lunch in seats distanced to the extent possible.

## Supplies & Devices:
- Teachers will limit the use of shared supplies or materials.

## Visitors *(Safety is Our True North)*
- To visit a BCPS school, visitors must have an appointment.
- Visits will be conducted remotely or outside, whenever possible.
- If shared materials are used, they will be cleaned each day and students will wash hands.
- Students must bring a charged device to school each day.
- Students will transport their device in their bookbag to and from school when the teacher determines it is needed.

- If an indoor visit is required, visitors will be required to wear a face coverings and practice social distancing.
- The number of people admitted to the building will be limited.

### Athletics (Secondary)/Extra Curriculars
- This site contains current information for mitigation related to athletics in BCPS.

### Cleaning/Disinfecting (*Safety is Our True North*)
**Requirements:** BCPS staff will continue to provide safe and clean school environments by ensuring daily cleaning of buildings using Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved germicidal agents that kill coronavirus. BCPS staff will:
- Perform frequent cleaning and disinfection of high-contact surfaces and any shared items, at least daily.
- Promote hand washing before and after touch of shared use items.
- Maintain sufficient supplies of soap, paper towels, and hand sanitizer.