### Edgemere Elementary School’s Opening Information

*(8:50 doors open – 9:05 class begins – 3:50 dismissal)*

Find out how Edgemere Elementary School is working to mitigate the spread of COVID and keep our students and staff strong and healthy. Use this [site](#) to find all resources related to COVID for Baltimore County Public Schools.

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<td>Students will wash hands immediately after arrival and prior to dismissal.</td>
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<td>Bus drivers will be expected to have assigned seats for students and students will be masked while on buses.</td>
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<th>Cleaning/Disinfecting (<strong>Safety is Our True North</strong>)</th>
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<td><strong>Requirements:</strong> 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:</td>
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<td>• Perform frequent cleaning and disinfection of high-contact surfaces and any shared items, at least daily.</td>
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<td>• Promote hand washing before and after touch of shared use items.</td>
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<td>Maintain sufficient supplies of soap, paper towels, and hand sanitizer.</td>
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<th>Visitors (<strong>Safety is Our True North</strong>)</th>
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<td>• To visit a BCPS school, visitors must have an appointment.</td>
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<td>• Visits will be conducted remotely or outside, whenever possible.</td>
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<td>• If an indoor visit is required, visitors will be required to wear a face covering and practice social distancing.</td>
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<td>The number of people admitted to the building will be limited.</td>
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<th>Face Covering (<strong>Safety is Our True North</strong>)</th>
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<td><strong>Requirements:</strong> All persons, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a face covering while inside a school. Exceptions to this requirement are:</td>
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<td>• The person is alone in a private space.</td>
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<td>• The person is eating or drinking.</td>
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<td>• The person has a documented physical or developmental disability that makes wearing a mask unsafe.</td>
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<td>• The person is under the age of two.</td>
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<td>The person is a student athlete engaged in the sport in the field of play.</td>
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<td><strong>Requirements:</strong> Employees and students have been instructed to adhere to best practices in hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Students will wash hands prior to using shared supplies and once again after using shared supplies.</td>
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<td>Supplies will frequently be sanitized.</td>
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<td>Devices will go home with students each evening to be maintained and charged.</td>
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<td>• All families should screen students for symptoms prior to leaving home.</td>
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<td>• Please use this <a href="#">checklist</a> to determine if a student should or should not go to school.</td>
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<td>• 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.</td>
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<td><strong>Requirements:</strong> 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:</td>
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<td>• Use of classroom and cafeteria configurations that provide maximal separation between students.</td>
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<td>• Plans for arrival, dismissal and change of classes to reduce gathering of students in any area.</td>
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<td>• Restriction of field trips to day trips only, with plans to reduce exposure to large crowds.</td>
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<td>• Plans for supervision of restrooms, locker rooms, and school lockers to prevent congregation of students.</td>
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<td>The cafeteria is arranged to promote student connections while also limiting exposure when students are unmasked.</td>
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<td>While eating, students do not need to wear masks. Students rarely eat for the full 30 minutes, so students will put their mask back on once they have determined they have finished eating.</td>
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<td>Breakfast and Lunch will be offered to all students free of charge once again. Breakfast will be offered upon entering the school and then eaten in classrooms. For lunch meal service, students will go through the cafeteria line and choose an entrée, fruit and vegetable sides, and milk. Menus are posted on the Office of Food and Nutrition Services website. Snack, a la carte, and adult meal purchases will not be available at this time.</td>
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<td>Edgemere’s cafeteria tables can seat about 16 students when benches are filled to capacity. Seating capacity has been reduced to about 6 students at a table. These smaller groups will allow students to have good interactions, while also limiting their exposure.</td>
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<td>Only one grade will be in the cafeteria at a time, eliminating potential exposure across grade levels. This requires that lunch service begin at about 11 and end at around 2. Students with earlier lunches will have an opportunity for an afternoon snack and students with later lunches will have that same opportunity in the morning.</td>
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