## Deep Creek Middle School’s Opening Information

**Welcome to Deep Creek Middle School and the 2021-2022 school year.**
Use this [site](#) to find all resources related to COVID for Baltimore County Public Schools.

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<td><strong>Arrival:</strong> The school doors open to students at 8:05 and homeroom starts promptly at 8:15. Students will have an opportunity to grab breakfast and sanitize their hands upon entry to the school. Grade 7 and 8 students enter through the main entrance and Grade 6 students enter through the second set of doors at the end of the bus loop. Students are expected to report directly to their classroom upon entry to the school.</td>
<td><strong>All families should screen students for symptoms prior to leaving home.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Dismissal:</strong> Students will be dismissed at 3:00. Car riders are to meet their parties in the parking lot. Students are to report directly outside when dismissed and not congregate in hallway or bathrooms.</td>
<td><strong>Please use this checklist to determine if a student should or should not go to school.</strong></td>
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| **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. | **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.** |
| **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. | **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. |
| **Breakfast & Lunch**  
**Breakfast** will be provided to students when they enter the school building. Students will be eating breakfast in classrooms. Students will have 10 minutes to eat breakfast and will sanitize their hands and replace their mask when done. | **Lunch** will be offered at no charge to all students. Students will eat in the cafeteria as a grade level. In order to maintain guidelines for avoiding close contacts, all students will be provided 14 minutes to eat lunch and will be asked to replace their masks once the allotted time has expired. |
### Supplies & Devices:
All students will be provided a laptop for use during the 2021-2022 school year. Sanitizer, wipes, and masks have been placed in all classrooms and offices for student and staff use.

### 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 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.

### 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.

### Athletics (Secondary)/Extra Curriculars
Deep Creek Middle School offers the following sports throughout the school year:

- **Fall** – Cross Country and Badminton
- **Winter** – Basketball
- **Spring** – Track and Field, Tennis, Allied Softball

In addition, Deep Creek Middle will be offering clubs and activities that meet after school. On Tuesday and Thursday’s, an activity bus will be provided for students to assist with transportation needs.

- This [site](#) contains current information for mitigation related to athletics in BCPS.