



COVID PARAMETERS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 21-22

****ALL OF THIS GUIDANCE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF THE HEALTH SITUATION, VACCINATION RATES, OR GUIDANCE FROM THE CDC OR STATE OF NJ CHANGES****

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>POLICY</u>
Masking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *All students, staff, and visitors must wear a mask when indoors except when eating. *Masks are not required when outside. *All students, staff, and visitors must wear a mask when on the school bus.
Vaccination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Vaccines are not required for staff or students at this time, but they are strongly encouraged. *We are strongly encouraging all students, families, and staff members to consider getting vaccinated because it is the best way to keep themselves and loved ones safe and our schools open. *All staff (full & part time) and volunteers are mandated to be fully vaccinated or tested weekly beginning the week of October 18th. Results should be provided every Saturday. *Without documentation on hand, staff will be considered unvaccinated and will have to follow protocols for unvaccinated staff.
COVID Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *If unvaccinated, staff must be tested weekly beginning the week of October 18th. *BelovED will provide testing on campus for all staff who require weekly testing. If testing somewhere else, results should be shared with necessary personnel each week. *We will track vaccination status for quarantining purposes and testing needs. Staff will be required to fill out a survey with their status and provide a copy of their vaccination card if have. *At a later date, the school may implement random testing for scholars with parent permission.
Quarantine/Close Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *When there is a positive case of COVID in our school community unvaccinated close contacts will need to be quarantined. **A close contact is defined as someone who was: a) less than 3 feet from the COVID positive individual for more than 15 minutes in a 24 hour period; OR b) between 3 and 6 feet from the COVID positive individual for more than 15 minutes while either party was not wearing a mask with fidelity. *Unvaccinated staff or students who were COVID positive within 90 days prior to exposure do not need to quarantine if identified as a close contact. *For adults in schools, the standard for close contact remains within 3 feet of an individual with a positive case for 15 minutes or more during a 24 hour period. *Individuals with no symptoms who test positive will be asked to stay home for 10 days following a positive test result. *Close contacts who are fully vaccinated and have no COVID symptoms do not need to quarantine, be excluded from school, or be tested following an exposure. However, they must monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID for 14 days following an exposure. If they experience symptoms, they should isolate themselves from others and be tested for COVID. *Unvaccinated individuals in prolonged close contact with someone who tested positive will be asked to quarantine for 14 days if the State determines community transmission levels in Jersey City as high. If levels in Jersey City are moderated to low, then quarantine for 7 days with a negative test result collected after 5 days or 10 days if no test is undertaken.
Contact Tracing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Staff will fill in contact tracing forms outside of classrooms each time they go into classroom and are in close contact with anyone. *This will provide us with a clear idea of who was in close contact for 15 minutes within 24 hour period. *Schedules and seating charts will help identify close contact tracing for scholars.

Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *We will continue to be in contact with the Jersey City Department of Health and the County Superintendent. *Staff and families will be notified if they are considered close contact. *Staff will be notified in each academy when a scholar/scholars was/were exposed and/or tested positive.
Student Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Scholars will be spaced apart in the lunchroom with shields on the tables. *Staggered lunch periods will occur to lower the number of scholars in each room for social distancing. *Shields will be up at all times and distancing encouraged when eating in the classrooms.
Classroom Seating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Whenever possible, students should be at individual desks with masks on at all times spaced apart by 3 feet if possible. Shields are optional Science labs, art rooms, and Kindergartens may have tables but spacing is encouraged with masks on at all times. *Carpets can be used as long as 3 feet spacing is maintained.
Seating Charts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Seating charts are required in all classrooms, lunchrooms, and buses. *Seating charts must be shared with Deans, Principal, and Executive Officer. *As much as possible, seating charts should keep pods of scholars together. If a cohort travels together, then the same students should sit next to each other in all classes.
Small Group/Guided Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Small group Instruction (counseling groups, ELL, Sped, Resource, Intervention) & guided reading is permitted. If three feet distancing isn't possible, shields should be used. *Make every effort to space students out as far as possible and maintain seating charts for each group.
Student Transition/Classroom Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Lockers & cubbies can be used. *Classroom libraries can be used. *Transitions in hallways can return to normal. *Student movement in classrooms is permitted with social distancing and within small pods. *Use of shields for various activities should be used whenever possible.
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *PE should be held outside as much as possible. Scholars do not need to wear masks outside. *Scholars must wear masks for indoor PE unless a student has a health issue that would prevent him or her from wearing a mask. (Documentation must be on file in the nurse's office.) *Scholars should be spaced apart during indoor PE to the greatest extent possible.
Student Assemblies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Assemblies are only permitted if 3 feet of distancing can be maintained between scholars.
Ventilation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Continue to use MERV 13 filters in buildings. *Open windows & doors as much as possible.
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *All visitors to school must wear masks. *Limit visitor interaction with scholars and staff when possible.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Buses will operate at full capacity. *Everyone must wear a mask on the bus. Seating charts should be created for all buses to aid with contact tracing.
Bathrooms/Water Fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Keep bathroom logs if possible to assist with contact tracing. *Scholars should bring refillable water bottles (NO GLASS) to use throughout the day. *Bottles can be filled up throughout the day using the filtered water. Fountain spouts are still closed for use.
Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Outdoor and Indoor trips are permitted following all health & safety guidelines.. *Meals should be outside during field trips. *Busing can be used for field trips with full capacity and seating charts.
Sports, Extracurriculars, & afterschool programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *All are permitted. *Safety protocols and distancing should be followed as much as possible.

Staff PD/Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *3 feet distancing should be maintained whenever possible. *Seating charts should be followed during large group sessions. *Masks are required at all times. *Alternatives (remote) will be provided when 3 feet distancing cannot occur. *Staff are encouraged to eat outside or maintain 3 feet distance.
Remote Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Remote learning is not an option right now. *We are following CDC guidelines and not quarantining entire cohorts whenever possible. *Quarantining will be limited to individual who were in close contact with the COVID positive case. *Small number of scholars quarantining within a cohort will mean scholars will be asynchronous for those days. The scholar will log into Schoology and complete assignments. Completed assignments will count towards scholars daily attendance. *For large cohorts, there may be a remote option due to the size of the group being quarantined and the best plan for effective teaching and learning to occur.
Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *If you or a scholar complains of illness, please call the nurses office. Nurses will instruct you on the next steps. *Please do not send scholars to the nurses office without speaking to the nurse first. This is to assist with contact tracing and social distancing.
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Travel outside the tristate area requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -a negative covid test 3-5 days from date of return to NJ with 7 days quarantine. -Quarantine for 10 days from date of return if no COVID test results.
Covid Test Results/Concerns	<p>Please contact Ms. Link mink@belovedccs.org Nurse Kleckner mkleckner@belovedccs.org & Nurse Eric ehinestroza@beloveccs.org immediately.</p>