

Operations and Programming procedures related to Covid

I am hoping you are excited for the start of school. I am writing with an update on Covid related protocols for the 22-23 academic year.

After careful consultation with the Montgomery County Office of Public Health, the CHOP Policy Lab, and CDC guidelines, it is evident there is a marked shift to now focus primarily on personal responsibility and care for the community, in managing and living with, Covid-19. In this communication, I will outline our operational and programmatic procedures that will be in place for this academic year.

The following areas all return to pre-pandemic procedures outlined in the BACS Parent Handbook found on the school website:

Arrival/Dismissal

Chapel

Recess/Lunch recess

Study Hall/Detention

Classroom Layout

Bathroom Usage

Water Fountains

Library access

After-School Sports/Dance

Visitor Policy- Due to the public health emergency, visitors were not allowed to have access to the building, and limited to those essential people, such as technicians, etc.. This will return to pre-pandemic procedure. Our entire BACS community will be strongly encouraged to consider the health and well-being of others as paramount, and to please refrain from being on campus if ill.

Masks:

Anyone wishing to wear a mask is supported. There may be times that masks may be recommended/required during active management of Covid-19 illness.

Specific details on the management of Symptomatic Illness and the attendance policy will be released to families next week. As is routine with managing a Covid response, if circumstances change in either severity, transmissibility, or other factors, adjustments to procedure may be made. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions and concerns. I appreciate and gratefully acknowledge the efforts made by all constituents to ensure a healthy, and vibrant school community.