

**Bell Academy School for Math, Science, and Health Education**

**2021-2022 Safe Return to School and Continuity of Services Plan**



**Tiffanie R. Russell, Principal**

## About our School

### Vision:

To provide a quality education to every child, every day to develop a community of lifelong learners who are productive citizens

### Mission:

To empower every child to learn, inspire, and grow every day

### Values

- We believe students learn best when engaged in student centered learning focused on the MS College and Career Readiness Standards.
- Every individual deserves an environment that is safe and nurturing in order to improve and learn new skills.
- Every individual is unique and deserves respect.
- The school environment should foster a positive relationship between students, parents, teachers and the community.
- Every individual deserves the opportunity to be a healthy, productive and active member of our society.
- We believe students should demonstrate appropriate personal, interpersonal, and competent skills and behaviors.

## Leadership Team Members

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- Joyce Aycock, School Safety and Physical Education
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  - [www.cleveland.k12.ms.us/bell](http://www.cleveland.k12.ms.us/bell)

## Introduction

The Cleveland School District and Bell Academy are aware of COVID-19 (coronavirus) concerns and takes the safety of our students and employees seriously. In consultation with medical providers, feedback from our survey, and collaboration with school district employee, and the Bell Academy Leadership Team, we have developed a return to school & continuity of services plan for August 2021. The Cleveland School District & Bell Academy will continue to monitor the development of the coronavirus closely and adjust practices as mandated by local, state, and federal requirements. We have added a COVID-19 tab to our website. Our updates will be available on that page, along with our social media websites, and other means of communication. For more information, please contact Mrs. Tiffanie Russell, principal.

## Our Plan for Returning to School

### Attendance

Attendance will be checked daily/every class period. There were no waivers/suspensions of policies related to student attendance. Students are expected to be at school daily. Attendance reporting will be handled according to board policy and procedure

### Health Services

The Cleveland School District is happy to have four full-time nurses as employees for the 2021- 2022 school year, with one of them housed at Bell Academy. They will continue to serve on the front line for our District. We are also happy to have a partnership with Shaw Family Medical Group. Parents that consent for their child to receive services will receive those services at no charge to the child or District.

### Face Coverings

Face coverings are required for students, employees, and visitors. A face mask or face shield may be worn, however face masks are preferred.

### Temperature Checks

Temperature checks will no longer be required upon entry into any Cleveland School District Building. We ask parents to check temperatures and symptoms related to COVID-19 before leaving home each morning for school. If your child is sick, please keep your child at home. We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust our protocols as needed.

## Water Fountains

Students are asked to bring a water bottle on the first day of school. The water bottle should be clearly labeled with the students' name. The students will be allowed to fill their water bottles from the water fountains daily. Students will bring their water bottles home daily to be cleaned. Students should bring their water bottles to school daily.

## Field Trips

Field trips will be taken for kindergarten through sixth grade upon approval from the Cleveland School District school board. All COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

## Special Services

Please contact the Special Services Director at 662.843.3529 for specific information related to your child's IEP, 504, or other documented accommodations.

## Child Nutrition

Breakfast and lunch will be offered to all students. Breakfast and lunch will be eaten in the classrooms daily. Breakfast will be served from 7:20-7:50 daily. We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust our protocols as needed.

## Routine Cleaning, Sanitizing & Disinfecting

Routine cleaning and sanitizing will take place throughout the day. Disinfecting will take place before and after school. Bell Academy is supplied with hand sanitizer and supplies for maintaining clean, sanitized, and disinfected facilities. All teachers will have hospital-grade disinfectant to disinfect their rooms throughout the day. Students and teachers will sanitize their hands upon entering or exiting a classroom, before and after lunch, as well as upon exiting the restroom.

## School Activities & Meetings

School activities & meetings will be held virtually throughout the school year at the discretion of the principal. All COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

## Transportation

Transportation is available for all students. Before school begins, each bus will be fully steamed, washed, and properly sanitized. Each driver and monitor will receive cleaning supplies approved/recommended by the CDC. All buses will be disinfected daily.

## 2021-2022 RETURN TO SCHOOL BUS REQUIREMENTS

- Students will be required to use hand sanitizer as they enter and exit the bus.
- When possible, windows will be opened to create an environment with as much ventilation as possible.
- Students will be separated on the bus where feasible. Siblings or children living in the same household will be seated together when possible.
- Buses will be loaded from the back forward and unloaded from the front to the back.

### Learning Loss

The Cleveland School District will be offering summer school and the Wolfpack Academy during the summer. Bell Academy will also offer after-school tutoring Tuesday through Thursday from 3:30-5:15. For more information, please contact Mrs. Russell. .

### Air Quality

The Cleveland School District will replace HVAC units at Bell Academy for better air quality and more efficient use.

### Social-Emotional

The Cleveland School District will provide assistance to address all students' social and emotional needs by offering professional development to teachers and staff as well as individual and group sessions for students. Ms. Kimberly Jones serves as the school counselor at Bell Academy.

## **Protocol for Possible COVID-19 Concerns-**

### Students

Identifying as early as possible sick or at-risk students and removing from contact with other students. The following protocols are in place for students with fever or exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms:

1. Isolate the student in the clinic or another space, close doors, allow NO visitors.
2. Follow standard illness protocol.
  - a. Notify parent and classroom teacher
  - b. Dismiss

i. If a child has a fever, they will be sent home for a minimum of 24 hours. If they visit their medical provider and are diagnosed with a fever causing condition other than COVID19, they cannot return to school before the 24 hours. They must be fever-free for 24 hours with documentation from a medical provider or parent certification.

ii. A child can return to school with a negative COVID test with documentation from a medical provider stating they were tested negative.

iii. In the case of a positive test, the child should isolate for 10 days away from school. To return to the classroom, they must complete this 10 day period as well as have been symptom-free for the last 72 hours.

iv. Siblings and close contact quarantine will be decided at the discretion of the school nurse. If the school is notified of a positive case, please note the following:

- Only the person in close contact has to quarantine
- Quarantine is for 10 days as long as no symptoms have been exhibited the entire 10 days
- Close contacts of close contact do not have to quarantine
- People who have tested positive for COVID-19 do not need to quarantine or get tested again for up to 3 months as long as they do not develop symptoms again.
- Siblings of a confirmed positive MUST quarantine unless they choose to be tested every other day for a week showing negative results.
- If a student is sent home for symptoms, the student MUST quarantine 10 days unless a negative test is returned. Sibling(s) do not have to quarantine unless there is a positive test result from the child displaying symptoms.
- If you have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19, you are not required to quarantine if it has been two weeks past the final dose and you have been asymptomatic since exposure.

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### Employees

Employees with clear signs of COVID 19 infection (Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath) or any upper respiratory infection symptom (sinus drainage, sore throat, loss of taste, or smell) with known exposure via close contact, family member or others.

1. Leave work immediately
2. Notify supervisor a. Supervisor should notify human resources immediately
3. See a Medical Provider
4. Contact Human Resources after seeing a medical provider
5. The next steps will be determined on a case-by-case basis according to applicable law & policies
6. If the school is notified of a positive case, please note the following:
  - Only the person in close contact has to quarantine
  - Quarantine is for 10 days as long as no symptoms have been exhibited the entire 10 days
  - Close contacts of close contact do not have to quarantine • People who have tested positive for COVID-19 do not need to quarantine or get tested again for up to 3 months as long as they do not develop symptoms again.
  - A household member of a confirmed positive case MUST quarantine unless they choose to be tested every other day for a week showing negative results.
  - If you have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19, you are not required to quarantine if it has been two weeks past the final dose and you have been asymptomatic since exposure.

## Parent Responsibilities

- Practice and reinforce good prevention habits with your family.
- We encourage parents to take their children's temperature and check for symptoms before leaving home.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use hand sanitizer.
- Ensure student does not have a fever or displaying any signs of COVID 19 before sending your child to school.
- Be prepared if your child's school is temporarily dismissed.
- Read or watch local media sources that report school dismissals or stay in touch with your child's school.
- Keep your child at home if sick with any illness. If your child is sick, keep them at home and contact your healthcare provider. Students must be free of fever, vomiting, diarrhea, etc., for at least 24 hours without medication before returning to school.



- Talk with teachers about classroom assignments and activities they can do from home to keep up with their schoolwork.