RETURN TO SCHOOL

COVID-19 OPERATIONAL PLAN

September 3rd, 2020
INTRODUCTION

We are excited to be welcoming back students at BMHS. The 2020-21 school year will be a new experience for students as well as for staff. We know that the return to school is on everyone’s mind and we are going to be working together to make this year as meaningful as any other year. Since March we can say that it has been an interesting time given the on-going situation with the Global Pandemic.

This fall, we will face some new challenges as we move forward, but we are very delighted to return to school this September. We understand that not all students are feeling the same readiness to return to school. Some are very happy to return to a routine and others might have increasing concern. We are confident that the school year will be productive, and we will come through this Global Pandemic stronger and more resilient.

By working together as a school community, and following the public health guidelines, we can now safely return to our school. The BMHS Operational Plan was developed using guidance from New Brunswick’s Departments of Public Health, Education and Early Childhood Development, and Anglophone East School District and WorkSafe NB. Please refer to the Return to School - September 2020 document for additional information.

This document is intended to provide guidance for the safe daily operation of our school. This plan may be modified to reflect the needs of the students and staff at Bernice MacNaughton High School, or as required to reflect new information provided by the Province of New Brunswick. We would consider this living document because changes will be added on a regular basis to better keep the students and staff safe during these unusual times.

For more guidance and information about guidance on the return to school guidelines please refer to the district website.

Coming to School

SCREENING

- How to Self-Monitor – The staff will be presented at school start-up. (see awareness resources)
- How to Self-Monitor –the student orientation will develop creative ways to remind students to self-monitor. Students will have to self-monitor, please follow the steps presented by public health at: gnb.ca/coronavirus
- Designate – Isolation area for students who show more than one symptom. This area will be in the back of the Theatre (room closer to back exit) Green room.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Identify Engineering Controls – Plexi-glass in the main office and the Library, floor markers, signage in the main areas.
- Staff/Student Transition – Students will put on their mask while transition from class to class. Students will enter class when the entrance is clear. Students will put their mask on before exiting the class. The stairwells are one-way only. We will establish no-stopping zones in areas where the traffic flows.
- Main Lobby (downstairs and upstairs) (morning, lunch, and afterschool) - Students must wear mask in these areas. Students should social distance themselves if possible.

PERSONAL HYGIENE ETIQUETTE

- Students will wear masks in all common areas. Bus, hallways, washrooms.
- Signage with personal hygiene will be posted. (handwashing signs, etc.)
- Identify common areas that may require increased cleaning.
- Identify frequently touched services to ensure cleaned as outlined under the Cleaning and Disinfection Standards.

BUILDING ACCESS

- Secure all doors: All doors are unlocked from 7:30 to 9:00am and locked for the remainder of the time.
- Entry – Designate points of entry by grade that reduce congestion. Main Front Entrance for grades 9 and 10 (predominantly bus students) and the second Front Entrance for grade 11 and 12. At the parent loop, students will use the closest entrance to the vehicle. Students driving to school will use the rear entrance.
- Mandatory Sign in/out required at school office:
  - Visitors - Include Name, Phone Number, Time In, Time Out, Purpose.
  - Supply Teachers/Casual Staff - Name, Time In, Time Out, Name of staff member replacing.
• **Front office visitor Logs** – Must maintain a log that includes name of student/staff interaction and is to be left at the school office.

• **Admin Office Area**: Establish maximum occupancy based on physical distancing requirements, if unable to physical distance masks are required; limit the number of people in front office. Only administrators and admin assistance have access to the photocopier. Files will be requested through email and pick up from the front counter. Maximum capacity of 10 across the six office spaces. Floor signage shows where to wait.

• **Item Drop Off** – Signage (to call office upon arrival), visitor writes name on items and leaves items on table on the table in entry. Items will be picked up by student, staff etc.

• **Drop off and late students** – Students must enter the main entrance (buzz in), report to the main office and sign-in.

  Upon arrival, students are required to go directly to their homeroom.

  o First bus arrives at 7:45am – All students will wait in their main foyer while wearing a mask
  o At 8:25, students will go to their first period class.
  o Teachers will have to unlock their doors at 8:25 am.

**TRANSITION TIMES**

• **Washrooms** – Maximum occupancy by washrooms. Main washroom will have a maximum of 5; if unable to Physical Distance, masks required (signage installed)

• **Hallways** – Students will be asked to bring their books for all their classes for the morning and then the afternoon to limit the number of students that will go to their lockers. The hallways will be divided in two-way direction.

• **Stairwells** - One-direction stairwells:

  o Students and personnel must wear mask.

**CLEANING AND DISINFECTION PROCEDURES**

• **Procurement** – Designate a person to ensure an inventory of products are maintained at the school level. The name of this person or the position, C2 – Bruce Harper

• **Sanitization Stations** – They will be provided for each entrance and each classroom

• **Washrooms** – Limited occupancy, masks are required, soap dispensers and sanitizing station are installed.

**MAX NUMBER BY ROOMS**

• Resource Room 130 (9)
• Guidance Area (10) (maximum of 2 in each office)
• Conference Room (5)
• C&Y (ISD) (2)
• Soundproof room (2)
• Student government room upstairs (3)
• Photocopier/Book room (3)
• Caring cupboard (2)
• Laundry area (2)
# Risk Assessment by location

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| Hallways | • Physical distancing  
• Accessing lockers while hallways are busy.  
• Students congregating | • Medium | • Directional floor signage  
• Students and personnel must wear masks.  
• Signage on social distancing  
• Staff will monitor | • Workplace Health and Safety Committee will review monthly.  
• Staff feedback at monthly staff meetings  
• Immediate concerns will be brought to the attention of administration |
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| Stairwells | • Railing  
• Congestion | • Medium | • One-direction stairwells  
• Students and personnel must wear masks.  
• Signage | • Workplace Health and Safety Committee will review monthly.  
• Staff feedback at monthly staff meetings  
• Immediate concerns will be brought to the attention of administration |
| Elevators (if applicable) | • Touching buttons  
• Key operated  
• Confined space | • Low | • Only specific students use the elevator  
• Clean regularly – elevator and key  
• Sign in/out key  
• Limit usage of 2. | • Workplace Health and Safety Committee will review monthly.  
• Staff feedback at monthly staff meetings  
• Immediate concerns will be brought to the attention of administration |
| Staff Washrooms | • High touch areas - taps and soap dispensers, door handles | • Low | • Maximum capacity (1)  
• Sanitation/Cleaning products provided  
• Masks will be worn  
• Proper handwashing signage  
• Mask do not have to be worn. | • Workplace Health and Safety Committee will review monthly.  
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<td>• Provide extra soap and paper towel dispensers</td>
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<td>• Rearrange furniture for seating capacity</td>
<td>• Sterilization/Cleaning products in each room – Wipes will be placed by all photocopier.</td>
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Protective Measures

1. To ensure minimal interaction within various set groupings, where feasible and safe, install physical barriers.
2. *To ensure that members of vulnerable populations and students with complex needs are accommodated.

Provide personal protective equipment – only for those situations that require it:

3. Hand protection (nitrile, rubber or latex gloves)
4. Eye protection (safety glasses, goggles or face shield)
5. Other PPE as determined necessary through the risk assessment
6. In areas where following the school physical distancing standards as set out in the Return to School document is not possible, maintain an accurate visitor log, and staff and student attendance log.
7. This is in addition to regular school attendance logs.
8. Logs must be made available to Public Health for contact tracing purposes if it is identified that a person who tested positive for COVID-19 was present in the school.

Additional Protection

10. Considerations for schools licensed under Food Premises Regulations

The above list cites all the area and their risk level. They also show the measures that will be put in place.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION

STAFF AND STUDENT RESOURCES

- Guidance/Resource Teams
- ESS Team/District
- ISD and C&Y
- Public Health
- Social Development
- EFAP (Homewood Health)
- NBTA, Wellness Reps.
- NBTA, Teacher Counsellor, Lisa Calhoun
- District, Health & Wellness Coordinator
Awareness resources (gnb.ca/coronavirus)

- How to self monitor? [https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/Self-Monitor.pdf](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/Self-Monitor.pdf)

- How to self isolate? [https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/Self-Isolate.pdf](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/Self-Isolate.pdf)

- How to self isolate for asymptomatic individuals? [https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/self_isolation_guidance_asymptomatic_individuals-e.pdf](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/self_isolation_guidance_asymptomatic_individuals-e.pdf)

- Please check the government of New Brunswick website for interesting factsheet on COVID-19: [https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/covid-19/resources.html#factsheets](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/covid-19/resources.html#factsheets)

- Looking for the province return to school plan: [https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/ed/pdf/return-to-school-guide.pdf](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/ed/pdf/return-to-school-guide.pdf)