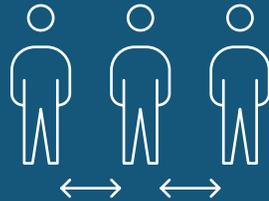




Safely Returning to BRIS

Guidelines for reopening Baton Rouge International School



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A message from

International Schools Partnership

Despite the temporary closure of our school buildings around the world due to COVID-19, learning and teaching continued through our distance learning approaches across International Schools Partnership (ISP) during the last few months of the 2019–2020 school year.

As we prepare for the 2020–2021 school year, ISP is committed to maintaining the safety and well-being of students, staff, and families as our top priority, and continues to put learners and learning at the heart of everything we do.

We understand, with you, that life is fluid and we are being called on to be more flexible than ever before. We also know how important it is to have a plan in place that guides us as well. **We are in this together.**



Safely Reopening BRIS

Baton Rouge International School is committed to providing a high-quality, well-balanced program and making the best decisions regarding our reopening. Our goal is for all students and staff to begin the school year on campus as scheduled.

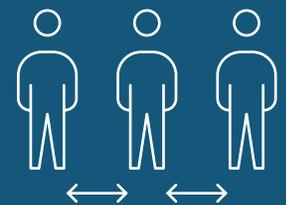
The health and safety of our students and staff is paramount to ensure their well-being. Following the Louisiana Department of Health, Louisiana Department of Education, and the CDC, we will be adhering to the guidelines outlined in this document. Please keep in mind that this is a fluid situation, and we will be monitoring it to maintain compliance. We will inform you of any changes relative to these guidelines and your child's health and safety.

We are in this together.

We are updating spaces around campus to accommodate physical distancing and to facilitate a clean campus environment. With everyone's understanding and cooperation, we have a much better chance of minimizing risk and maintaining a healthy environment for our students, staff, and families, while providing the best learning possible for our students.

The following guidelines are in place for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year.

Note: These are temporary measures until we deem it is safe to mix groups.



Hygiene, Cleaning, and Prevention



Temperature Checks

- DAILY temperature checks are mandatory for all students, faculty, and staff.
- Students' temperature will be checked at the car during drop-off; Elementary, Middle, and High School will be checked at the door.

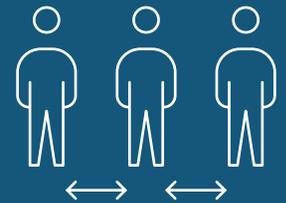
Face Masks/Shields

- Face shields/masks will be worn by all members of BRIS faculty and staff.
- BRIS recommends that all students wear a mask – except for students who are two years old and younger. The parent must supply this mask.
- Face shields, provided by BRIS, will be worn by students in Grades K -12. If you prefer your child to wear a mask in addition to the shield, you must supply the mask. For these students, masks are highly recommended when social distancing is not possible.
- Face masks must be school appropriate. Face masks do not need to match the school uniform. No face coverings will be required during P.E., recess, or while eating and drinking.



Social Distancing

- All students will remain within static groups or NESTS (no commingling) for the time being.
- Social distancing will be implemented.
- Face shields/masks will be worn by all members of BRIS faculty and staff.



Healthy Personal Hygiene

- Students and staff must wash or sanitize hands at least every hour (scheduled), and as needed (upon arrival, after toileting, before eating meals or snacks, before handling any lesson, before and after using playground/P.E. equipment, etc.)
- Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout campus.



Hygiene, Cleaning, and Prevention

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Water Fountains

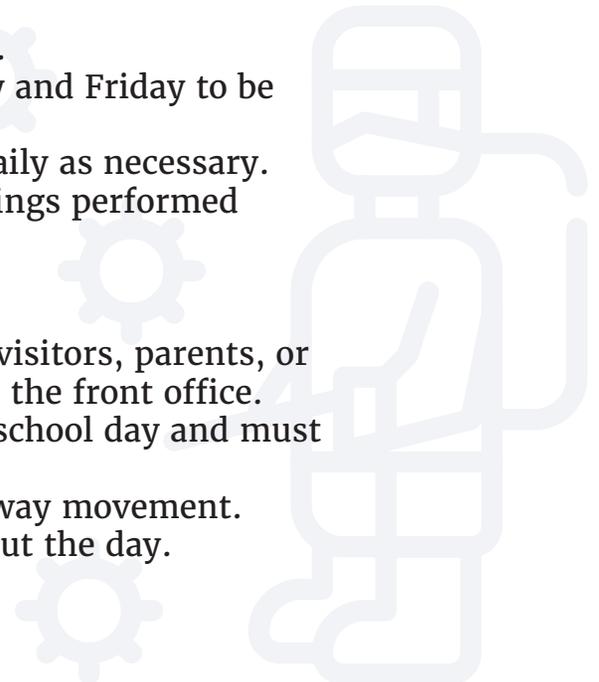
- Water fountains will not be available. Students must bring their own water bottle or thermos from home.
- We have water bottle refilling stations around campus for students.

Environmental Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, playgrounds, the gym, handrails, and high touch surfaces will be disinfected throughout the day.
- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day (light switches, doors, benches, bathroom fixtures, student desks, tables, and chairs).
- Toys will be cleaned and sanitized daily or as needed.
- Naptime bedding will be sent home every Wednesday and Friday to be cleaned and sanitized.
- Playground and athletic equipment will be cleaned daily as necessary.
- Cleaning protocols will be intensified and deep cleanings performed regularly or when required.

Security and Campus Access

- Only essential personnel are allowed on campus. No visitors, parents, or volunteers are allowed in any school area, other than the front office.
- Parents will not be permitted on campus during the school day and must remain in their cars during pick up and drop off.
- Students and staff on campus will have reduced hallway movement.
- A campus security detail will be on campus throughout the day.





Mitigating risk at school

Lunch and Snacks

- At this time, parents are to provide both lunch and snacks for their children.
**Important note: BRIS is a peanut and tree nut free school.*
- Infants through 12th grade will have lunch in their respective classrooms. We will be sanitizing while students are at recess.

Enrichments

- Teachers will travel to the classrooms, except for P.E., which will be held in the gym or outside.

Recess

- Classes will remain within their static group and/or socially distanced from the other classes.

Before/After Care

- Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer before and aftercare at this time. This would negate our efforts to keep our kids in isolated groups. We hope that we can resume this offering later in the year as we are able to get the spread of Covid-19 under control in our state.

Carpool, Arrivals, and Dismissals

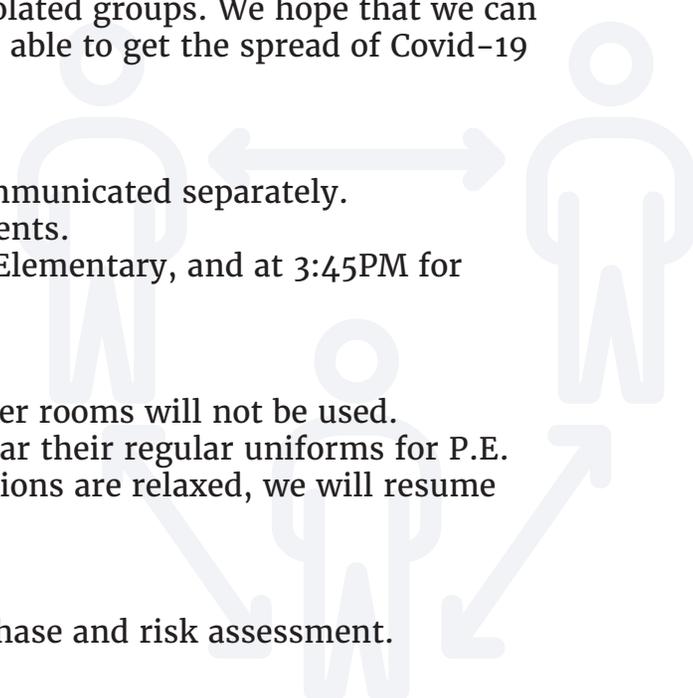
- Carpool procedures will change and will be communicated separately.
- School arrival will begin at 7:45AM for all students.
- School dismissal will begin at 3:30PM for Pre-Elementary, and at 3:45PM for Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Physical Education

- Students will participate in P.E.; however, locker rooms will not be used.
- Students in grades K - 12 will be allowed to wear their regular uniforms for P.E. during Covid restrictions. After current restrictions are relaxed, we will resume dressing out for Gym.

Athletics

- Participation in sports will be determined by phase and risk assessment.



BRIS Wellness Policy



Our current wellness policy states that a child should not be brought to BRIS if he/she shows signs of any illness (for example, fever, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, earache, stomachache, evidence of childhood or other contagious diseases).

If a child becomes ill while attending school, the student will be isolated with the school nurse until the parents/guardians pick up the child from BRIS.

Students are to be non-medicated, fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

If a student is absent for three consecutive days or longer, a doctor's release to return to school is required.

Due to COVID-19, our current policies, as well as the following, will be strictly enforced:

Students who have COVID-19 must inform the school, stay home, and remain isolated until they have recovered and have been determined to no longer be infectious by their doctor with a negative test result, a copy of which must be provided to the school.

Those who have come in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 must inform the school and stay home. In order to return to school, he/she must wait 72 hours from last close contact exposure to be tested and produce a negative result or stay home and monitor symptoms for 14 days.

Note: Close contact is defined as those who are closer than 6 feet away for more than 15 minutes to a positive case.



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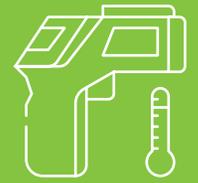
Health Screening for Staff and Students

Every student and staff member will have a temperature screening, and symptom check upon arrival and throughout the day as needed. If a student or staff member has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher or other signs of illness, they will not be allowed to attend school.

Procedures for Students Who Become Sick

If a student has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher or other signs of illness during the day, the parent will be informed that their child must be picked up. The student will be brought to an isolation room and monitored by our school nurse while awaiting pick up. Please follow our wellness policy before returning to school.

- If a student or staff member in your child's class tests positive for COVID-19, he/she will be required to stay home for the 14-day quarantine period and adhere to CDC quarantine guidelines ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)).
- BRIS will provide a virtual learning environment for quarantined students.
- At this point, BRIS will not provide an on-campus option for quarantine.
- Students with prolonged absences due to illness will have access to remote learning.



Responding to COVID-19 Symptoms and Illness

(With no known exposure to COVID -19)

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Experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms:

STAY HOME!

Call your doctor and notify the school nurse

WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

Check [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for the most up-to-date list of COVID-19 symptoms.

Test **NEGATIVE** or doctor advises **NO TEST**

STAY HOME

- Check your temperature twice a day
- Must be symptom free and fever-free without medication for 24hrs

RETURN TO SCHOOL

- Notify the school nurse

Test **POSITIVE** for COVID-19

ISOLATE

(all criteria must be met)

- 14 days since symptoms first appeared
- Must be symptom free and fever-free without medication for 72hrs

RETURN TO SCHOOL

- Must have a doctor's note
- Notify the school nurse

If you live with others, stay in a specific "sick room" or area and away from other people or animals, including pets.

Use a separate bathroom, if available.

Responding to Known Exposure of COVID-19

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Individual who has had
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QUARANTINE

- Stay home until 14 days after your last contact
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- If possible, stay away from people who are at high risk for getting very sick from COVID-19

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