

BOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

December 17, 2021

Dear Families and Staff,

Attached please find the December 2021 Revised Bolton Public Schools Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan ~ [12-16-21 Revised BPS Continuity of Services Plan 2021-22.pdf](#). Districts in Connecticut are required to review and, as appropriate, revise and seek public input on the BPS Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan at least every six months through September 30, 2023 pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ARP ESSER). Connecticut received \$1.1 billion in ARP ESSER funds with 90% of these funds allocated to districts using the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Title 1 allocation funds as a baseline. Bolton's APR ESSER Grant allocation is \$169,391 which can be used over the next three years. In keeping with the requirements of the ARP ESSER grant, we plan to use these funds for learning recovery which was offered this summer, technology to continue to support teaching and learning, and personal protective equipment (PPE).

Revisions have been made to the plan on pages 15 and 19. On page 15 under COVID-19 Quarantine Period the changes the district has made include:

1. A 10 day instead of 14 day quarantine period for those unvaccinated individuals exposed to COVID-19.
2. Fully vaccinated people should get tested 5-7 days not 3-5 after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.
3. Regardless of vaccination status, if a person is experiencing COVID-19 like symptoms they need to isolate for 10 days, or get a negative PCR COVID test, or a different diagnosis from a medical professional.
4. Regardless of vaccination status, if a person tests positive for COVID-19 they need to isolate for 10 days.

On page 19 under Athletics and Extra-curricular Activities that interscholastic sport activities will adhere to all Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) guidance the district has added:

1. Unless it is determined in collaboration with the Eastern Highlands Health District that based on the prevalence of cases in the state and the region that additional COVID precautions are warranted and said precautions will be determined by the district.

As you know, we are required to follow safety guidelines set forth by the Connecticut State Department of Education, the Connecticut State Department of Public Health, and the Eastern Highlands Health District. If you would like to provide comments on the plan please click on the [link to the survey](#) and complete the Google Form. Public comment is open until Wednesday, December 22, 2021. Comments will be reviewed to inform the plan revisions as appropriate.

The success of our school district continues to be the direct result of the hard work of our administrators, teachers, staff, students, parents, and the community. We are committed to partnering with you to ensure the success of all of our students.

Warm regards,

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