

Berkeley Arts Magnet
Elementary
2021-22

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Agenda

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Communication

PTA Weekly News - Comes out on Thursday - Go to the BAM PTA website, click on BAM Announcements to sign up.

Principal Thursday News - Comes out everyThursday

To receive specific emails from Infinite Campus school like (Classroom Placements) and update your child's information, please look for your original, unique email that was sent on 7/11 and a reminder will sent last week from noreply@berkeley.net. If you need help, you can email portalhelp@berkeley.net or call the portal support line at 510-883-6147.

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Family Resources

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Safety Plan Resources

This safety plan relies on the [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year](#) issued on July 12, 2021 by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the [CDPH K-12 Guidance for 2021-22 School Year: Questions and Answers](#) issued on July 29. As the District receives additional guidance from CDPH and updates on local conditions from City of Berkeley Public Health, this safety plan will be updated accordingly.

Mask Requirements



INDOORS

All students aged 2 and up, any visitors, and all staff will be required to wear masks/cloth face coverings that cover the nose and mouth while indoors at any BUSD school campus or facility and on all buses. While students and staff are encouraged to bring their own face coverings to school, all schools are equipped to provide face coverings when necessary.

OUTDOORS

All students at all levels will be also required to wear a mask while outdoors at any school.

EATING AND DRINKING

- Students may remove face coverings when eating, drinking, or changing a face covering when wet or damaged. Schools will use outside space to the extent practicable, during meals and snacks, and students will maximize social distancing, to the extent possible, when face coverings are removed.
- Elementary students will be supervised by staff while face coverings are removed for eating and drinking.
- Students will be in their class stable groups for eating.
- Smokey and Rainy Days - Students will be in grade cohorts, distanced on the floor of the cafeteria with doors open and air filters on.

Stable Groups

BUSD students will attend school in stable groups with fixed membership, when practicable. At the elementary level, students will eat lunch with their classroom group, and recess activities will take place with one grade level grouped in a single location.

At BAM:

1. Class stable groups will be eating together outside while distanced.
2. Recess, lunch recess and LEARNS/BEARS will group students by grade.
3. Specialists will pull students from different rooms and document attendance for contact tracing purposes.

Physical Distancing

While the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) no longer requires physical distancing between students and staff, the District will work to maintain physical distancing practices to the extent practicable and when these practices do not prevent students from attending/accessing school. During snacks and meals, when students have removed face coverings, students will maximize physical distancing to the extent practicable.

Classroom teachers will begin partner and small group work. The class will be considered a close contact for contract tracing.

VOLUNTEER AND VISITOR RESTRICTIONS

No adults other than District staff will be allowed on campus unless it is an emergency situation.

- An “Essential Visitor” is defined as someone who has business at the site that cannot be conducted remotely.
- There will be no volunteers allowed on campus at this time. Guidance will be updated as new California guidelines become available.

Ventilation and Filtration

- To increase the circulation of outdoor air, classroom windows will be opened when practicable.
- All classrooms are equipped with a MERV 17 HEPA Air Purification Unit filter upgrade work for poor air quality index levels has been completed on existing HVAC systems to include MERV 13 filtration and Needlepoint BiPolar Ionization or higher
- Air quality monitoring systems have been installed in all classrooms, common areas, and offices to monitor temperature, humidity, CO2 levels, and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs).

Hygiene

Staff and students will wash hands frequently, use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.

The following will be made available:

- Every room with a sink shall be stocked with soap, hand sanitizer, and paper towels.
- Every classroom shall be provided hand sanitizer.
- Non-classroom workspaces shall be provided with hand sanitizer.
- Hand sanitizer stations shall be provided at each ingress and egress point.
- Soap, hand sanitizer, and paper towel supplies will be actively monitored by all staff in any space where students or staff are working.

STAFF SELF SCREENING

Using a [symptom list provided by City of Berkeley Public Health](#), the District requires all staff to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to arriving at work each day. Staff are instructed to stay home if they:

- have tested positive for COVID-19,
- have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or
- have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 and are not vaccinated.

Symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test or diagnosis must be reported to their supervisor. Staff who develop symptoms during the workday will be immediately sent home.

STUDENT SELF-SCREENING

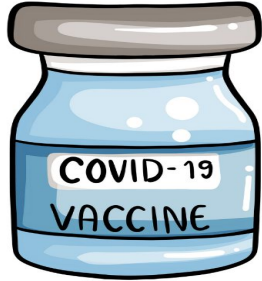
The District will instruct parents/guardians to screen students [using this form](#) before leaving for school each day. This form does not need to be submitted to your school.

Students should be kept home if they have tested positive for COVID-19, have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or if they have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19. Symptoms, a positive COVID-19 test or diagnosis, or a close contact must be reported to their school's [COVID-19 Liaison](#). Students who develop symptoms during the school day will be isolated and immediately sent home.

Students must stay home if they have.....

- Fever (100°F/37.8°C or higher) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Quarantine Protocols after a Close Contact



Vaccinated and asymptomatic = no quarantine

If a student is unvaccinated and both the case and the contact were masked and indoors during the close contact, the close contact qualifies for a **Modified Quarantine** and can attend school if:

- They are asymptomatic
- Continue to mask at school
- Undergo twice-weekly testing during the quarantine period
- Quarantine for all extracurricular activities including sports, as well as community activities



Unvaccinated Students

COVID-19 Clusters (3 or More People)

A COVID-19 cluster is where three or more people who are not members of the same household test positive for COVID-19 within a 2-week period. In the event of a COVID-19 cluster the District will immediately contact City of Berkeley Public Health, who will make a determination about whether the cluster is an outbreak requiring a public health response. In some cluster instances, a school site may be subject to a partial or full closure. The school community will be notified of multiple known cases if members of the cluster were on campus during their infectious period.

BUSD Music Guidelines

All music classes K-12 will run on a normal schedule. All students and staff will remain masked at all times. Students playing woodwind or brass instruments will be provided with specialized PPE (instrument mask and bell cover), as well as singer's masks for choral musicians, at no cost to be worn at all times. Singers will wear masks at all times. No instruments that are blown into will be shared (BUSD provides each student with their own instrument).

Staff Vaccinations and COVID Testing

School teachers and school staff in California must have proof of vaccination against Covid-19 or else face weekly testing, Gov. Gavin Newsom said on Wednesday, making the state the first in the nation to make the move.

COVID Testing Plan - Every other week for staff and students. More information to come about how to sign up.

COVID Liaison Contacts

Contact our Covid Liaisons if your student tests positive for COVID-19, receives a COVID-19 diagnosis or has been exposed to a case.

COVID Liaison	Contact
Principal Rene Molina	Email: renemolina@berkeley.net Phone: 510.644.6225
School Administrative Assistant II JoAnne Lee	Email: JoAnneLee@berkeley.net Phone: 510.644.6225



Air Quality Index Response

BUSD schools can stay open during most instances when smoke from wildfires is in the East Bay. All classrooms and offices have HEPA 17 air purifiers that work effectively to lower the spread of COVID-19 with windows opened or closed.

At AQI levels over 150, pre-k, elementary and middle schools students will eat indoors. In these instances, schools will select the largest available indoor space and maximize spacing of students.

LEARNS/BEARS

LEARNS/BEARS - The program is currently running for 150 students. Staffing for afterschool program is very challenging right now and we feel fortunate to have the staff to run the program. You should know if you have a space in the program or if you are on the waitlist. The LEARNS/BEARS program is run together but applications for the BEARS program that can financially support families are processed through the district. They are very behind and I apologize for that.




If you are interested in getting on the waitlist for Learns, please email Dontay Gallon or submit an application for BEARS to **Ashley Stepney** at 510.644.8938 Email: ashleystepney@berkeley.net. She is located at Hopkins preschool.

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-  Entry / Exit Gate / Check-In Station
-  Path of Travel
-  Isolation Room
-  Grab-n-Go Meal Locations



Introducing BAM's Kindergarten Team

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Ms. Eisenberg/Ms. Komure Chan

Let's Talk about....

1. Balanced Beginnings
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3. Breakfast & Lunch
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