


Patapsco High School's Opening Information

(7:15 to 2:30)

The Patapsco team has been working tirelessly to ensure that we are safely welcome students back to the building this spring. While there will be many changes to procedures in the building, one thing will remain the same. We are as committed, as always, to ensuring that all our students have can learn in a safe and welcoming environment. Use this [site](#) to find all resources related to COVID for Baltimore County Public Schools.

<p>Arrival & Dismissal Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No students will be allowed in the building prior to 7:00am Students are not allowed to go to classes prior to 7:30am. Students who arrive prior to 7:30 will need to report to the cafeteria until they are dismissed to class (breakfast will be available). Late students will report directly to class. Students will be dismissed at the end of the day by hallway to stagger the dismissal. All students will need to exit the building at dismissal so the building can be cleaned. Students who are staying after for athletics/coach class/or clubs will need to report directly to that location. At the end of the event, they will be walked out by the advisor. 	<p>Screening & Testing (Safety is Our True North)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All families should screen students for symptoms prior to leaving home. Please use this checklist to determine if a student should or should not go to school. Persons with COVID-19 symptoms in school will be required to be tested or will be placed on quarantine, in alignment with guidance from the Maryland Department of Health.
<p>Face Covering (Safety is Our True North) Requirements: All persons, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a face covering while inside a school. Exceptions to this requirement are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The person is alone in a private space. The person is eating or drinking. The person has a documented physical or developmental disability that makes wearing a mask unsafe. The person is under the age of two. <p>The person is a student athlete engaged in the sport in the field of play.</p>	<p>Social Distancing (Safety is Our True North) Requirements: Physical distancing of students from each other and between students and adults will be provided to the greatest extent possible, considering school enrollment and facility constraints. Strategies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of classroom and cafeteria configurations that provide maximal separation between students. Plans for arrival, dismissal and change of classes to reduce gathering of students in any area. Restriction of field trips to day trips only, with plans to reduce exposure to large crowds. Plans for supervision of restrooms, locker rooms, and school lockers to prevent congregation of students.
<p>Hand Hygiene (Safety is Our True North) Requirements: Employees and students have been instructed to adhere to best practices in hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. Times for handwashing or use of hand sanitizer to include before and after meals, upon arrival to schools' offices and home, before and after use of any shared items, after use of the restroom, after sneezing/coughing and other time hands are contaminated.</p>	<p>Breakfast & Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be 3 lunch shifts to accommodate the students in the building. All students will be assigned a table in the cafeteria for lunch to assist with contact monitoring. Breakfast will be done the same way- students will be assigned a location in the cafeteria. No food will be allowed outside of these designated breakfast/lunch locations.
<p>Supplies & Devices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will need to bring their device to school each day, fully charged. Students will need to bring pencils and paper if they wish to take notes/ do assignments on paper. Any other needed supplies will be furnished by the school. 	<p>Visitors (Safety is Our True North)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To visit a BCPS school, visitors must have an appointment. Visits will be conducted remotely or outside, whenever possible. If an indoor visit is required, visitors will be required to wear a face coverings and practice social distancing. The number of people admitted to the building will be limited.

<p>Athletics (Secondary)/Extra Curriculars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This site contains current information for mitigation related to athletics in BCPS. 	<p>Cleaning/Disinfecting (<i>Safety is Our True North</i>) Requirements: BCPS staff will continue to provide safe and clean school environments by ensuring daily cleaning of buildings using Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved germicidal agents that kill coronavirus. BCPS staff will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform frequent cleaning and disinfection of high-contact surfaces and any shared items, at least daily. • Promote hand washing before and after touch of shared use items. • Maintain sufficient supplies of soap, paper towels, and hand sanitizer.
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