

BETHEL HILL CHARTER SCHOOL

Safe Return to Schools Plan

As of 3/2/2023

Bethel Hill Charter School will continue to provide a layered prevention strategy to reduce the risk of COVID-19 in our school building. This includes:

-Promoting vaccination: We suggest that staff and families seek to receive a COVID-19 vaccination when necessary. However, at this time we are not requiring staff or students to report their vaccination status and participate in any screening program if they are unvaccinated.

-Ensuring students and staff know to stay home when they are sick:

-Students who are not feeling well should stay home. We ask that students are fever-free 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medication) or have gone 24 hours without vomiting before returning to school.

-If a student has been diagnosed with COVID-19, they should stay home at least 5 days from the first day of symptoms. They can return after the 5th day as long as they have been fever free 24 hours. **Siblings in the household can come to school as long as they are symptom free**

-Provide masking options for students and families: As of February 21, 2022, masks will be optional for students, staff and visitors at Bethel Hill Charter School. The Bethel Hill Charter School Board of Directors and administration are hopeful that everyone will continue to practice safety measures and strongly encourage those who want to wear a mask to continue to do so. Masks will be in the front office in the event a student, staff member, or visitor is in need of one.

As of June 22, 2022, NCDHHS has sunset the Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit. Going forward, Bethel Hill Charter School uses the CDC's Operational Guidance for K12 Schools for information on how to lower the risk of COVID-19 on our campus.

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