

2023-2024 Attendance Protocols

After continued consultation with the Bethlehem Health Bureau and other local health care providers, we will be returning to our pre-pandemic attendance protocols supported by and defined in our BASD Board Approved [POLICY #204: ATTENDANCE POLICY](#). Below are some highlights to emphasize our return to pre-pandemic attendance protocols.

*Should your child be diagnosed with the COVID-19, please follow the direction of your healthcare provider, and provide your child(ren) school with the appropriate documentation outlined below.

As per the BASD Attendance Policy (#204),

- **If your child(ren) is absent due to ANY illness, the student(s) absence will ONLY be excused if a parent note is submitted within 3 days of your child(ren)'s absence.**
- **A physician's note will be required after your child exceeds 10 days of cumulative absences**
- **unexcused/unlawful absences** include, but are not limited to:
 - Any day, for which a written excuse is not submitted within three (3) school days of a student's return from an absence, including notes from physicians.
 - Any written excuse not approved by the principal.
 - Any absence not excused by a physician's note after ten (10) cumulative absences verified by parental excuses within the same school year.

Additionally, we have provided a summary of best practices in preventing the spread of illness on the reverse side.

- **Preventing the spread of illness**
 - Staying up to date on vaccinations
 - Consult your healthcare provider as needed
 - Proper hand washing including before and after eating, after using the restroom.
 - Teach and reinforce covering coughs and sneezes to help keep individuals from spreading illness
 - Cleaning surfaces at least once a day to reduce the risk of germs spreading by touching surfaces