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1. Description of maintaining health and safety of students, educators, and other school and LEA staff; generally if/how policies and practices are based on CDC safety recommendations: All of the mitigation strategies listed below are currently in place.

2. Universal and correct wearing of masks: Masks are encouraged but not required since the mandate has been lifted. If a student is suspected of having COVID, he/she will be required to wear a mask to and from the isolation room and while in the isolation room. Waivers to opt their child out of wearing a mask while on campus have been provided by DHEC to parents of current students and will continue to be provided for new enrollees.

3. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding) DHEC and CDC guidance are followed to the extent possible. Seating is arranged to provide as much distance as possible. Each class is considered a cohort and remains together with no interaction with other classes to ensure social distancing. A specific area has been designated as an isolation room for students suspected of having COVID-19.

4. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette: Students and staff are taught proper hand hygiene. Students are encouraged and allowed to wash their hands with soap and water often. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the school for additional hand hygiene between hand washing.

5. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation: A sanitation company has been hired to provide daily cleaning and sanitation of all areas used by students and staff to prevent the spread of COVID.

6. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine: Contact tracing is done in collaboration with local DHEC offices. Known cases are reported to local DHEC offices within the required time frame. Proper paperwork is completed and submitted. Current DHEC guidance for isolation and quarantine procedures related to school staff and students will be tracked and enforced.

7. Diagnostic and screening testing:	Testing is encouraged when a person has been identified as close contact or is symptomatic. The school will not provide diagnostic and screening testing; however, information regarding these services will continue to be shared with faculty, staff, and parents of students.
8. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible:	The school will not offer a vaccination clinic; however, information regarding vaccination providers will continue to be shared with faculty, staff, and parents of students.
9. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies and practices:	All necessary medical and safety precautions will be followed. In addition to adhering to the school's health and safety policies for all children, the school will continue to adhere to any Individual Health Care Plans for student with disabilities.
10. Coordination with state and local health officials:	Frequent informative virtual meetings were attended throughout the 20-21 school year to ensure that our school remained up-to-date on COVID-19 recommendations and requirements. School administration along with the school nurse maintained communication with local agencies and personnel, such as DHEC, SCDE, local hospital systems, and the State School Nurse Consultant.
11. Response on continuity of services	BPA will continue to provide full-time in person learning addressing the academic and social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students. If COVID-19 related issues require quarantining, all students will continue to have access to livestreaming, synchronous learning. In addition, students with disabilities will continue to have access to their specialized instruction, related services, modifications/accommodations as outlined in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
12. Response on ensuring periodic updates to plan	<p>The following are dates planned for updating the "Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 15, 2021 • December 15, 2021 • June 15, 2022 • December 15, 2022 • June 15, 2023
13. Response on public input in development of plan	The plan is in an understandable and uniform format that parents will understand. To ensure accessibility, the plan will be posted on the Belton Preparatory Academy website at www.beltonprep.org . Parents are asked to review the plan and offer any comments/suggestions via the school survey. Parents may also contact Deirdre McCullough, Executive Director, at dmccullough@beltonprep.us to offer any comments. Hard copies of the plan will be accessible upon request.