

## **BC High Social Compact**

We would like to stress that the health of our community is entirely dependent upon responsible personal behavior by all of our members. At BC High, we have gone to great lengths to layer multiple mitigation strategies. We have outlined these expectations on our reopening page, located [here](#). For these strategies to be effective, our students, faculty & staff, and families must consistently adhere to personal behaviors outside of school that reflect best practices for limiting the spread of infection. The diligent use of masks represents the best practice for keeping our community safe to start the year. Additionally, frequent and thorough hand washing and reporting symptoms will keep our community safe.

We must work together; as a school, we cannot be the enforcers of best practices off-campus. We do, however, expect that if you want your student to learn on-campus, you will consistently observe the best practices recommended by the CDC.

Prioritizing the health and safety of our community begins with respect. As a Jesuit school, relationship and care is at our heart. We know our students and adults thrive when they are valued, cared for, and respected. *Cura Personalis* (care for each individual across each of their dimensions) is the core tenet of a Jesuit formation. Context is the starting point of that formation. During this uniquely challenging context, we are confident that we will be united in our commitment to caring for each other and preserving the safety of every individual in our community.

*For Parents / Guardians to read and acknowledge.*

*By enrolling my student at Boston College High School for the 2021-2022 Academic Year, I fully understand and acknowledge that his participation in BC High's programs and activities may present an increased risk of contracting infectious diseases, including without limitation Covid-19. I understand and acknowledge that the School has taken steps to minimize these risks, including, without limitation, adopting policies and procedures to reduce the spread of Covid-19 among students and others. I have read and understand these policies and procedures and I agree to comply with them. I further agree to assume any increased risk of Covid-19 infection arising from my student's participation in any School programs or activities, and I fully release Boston College High School, on behalf of my student, his parents, guardians and/or family members, from any and all liabilities arising out of or in connection with School-related Covid-19 infection.*

## Covid-19 Handbook Supplement

We will continue to use specific practices to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 and keep our community healthy. Practical steps such as getting adequate sleep, eating healthy (including breakfast each day) and staying hydrated will help to maintain overall health. We strongly advise that students bring a reusable water bottle each day to school.

All students are required to use hand sanitizer upon entering the building. Hand sanitizer will be stationed at all school entrances, in each classroom, as well as offices and common areas of the school. It will be readily available for students to access.

### Wash or Sanitize your Hands

Washing or sanitizing your hands can keep you healthy and prevent the spread of infections from one person to the next. Hand hygiene is one of the key prevention measures for Covid-19. Germs can spread from other people or surfaces when you:

- Touch your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed or unsanitized hands.
- Prepare or eat food and drinks with unwashed or unsanitized hands.
- Touch a contaminated surface or object.
- Blow your nose, cough, or sneeze into hands and then touch other people's hands or objects.
- You can help yourself and our community stay healthy by washing or sanitizing your hands often, especially during these key times when you are likely to get and spread germs:
  - Before and after eating food
  - After using the toilet
  - After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
  - After being in a public space, such as the T or Commuter Rail, and touching frequently used surfaces like handrails, tables, cashier screens, or door handles
  - After you have been in a public place and touched an item or surface that may be frequently touched by other people, such as door handles, tables, gas pumps, shopping carts, or electronic cashier registers/screens, etc.
  - When entering and exiting a classroom

Washing or sanitizing your hands is easy, and it's one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. Clean hands can stop germs from spreading from one person to another and throughout our entire community.

#### Follow these five steps for handwashing.

- Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
- Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.

- Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the “Happy Birthday” song from beginning to end twice. Tired of “Happy Birthday”? Convert a personal favorite tune into a hand-washing accompaniment with this [free hand-washing lyrics generator](#).
- Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
- Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them. Be sure to dispose of your towel directly into the trash.

**\*\*Use Hand Sanitizer When You Can’t Use Soap and Water\*\***

- Apply the gel product to the palm of one hand.
- Rub your hands together.
- Rub the gel over all the surfaces of your hands and fingers, including between fingers until your hands are dry. **This should take around 20 seconds.**

Source: CDC, [Handwashing: Clean hands save lives](#)

## Wearing a Mask

### **Mask protocols/expectations, including non-compliance**

When mandated by the State of Massachusetts, City of Boston, or BC High policy, masks must be worn at all times in school except during meals and when specifically granted as a break by a teacher or school staff member. Any time a student gets up from his seat while eating, he must have his mask on. Students will remain seated at their lunch tables for the remainder of the period.

Masks must be:

- Cloth or fabric free of writing and/or picture (plain)
- A minimum of 2 and preferably 3 layers
- Fit snugly over the nose and mouth and not slide down on the face
- Have ear loops or ties to secure the masks
- Must be washed/cleaned daily

Features of masks which are not acceptable:

- Gator type masks
- Masks with valves
- Visibly soiled or wet masks
- Masks with sheer or see-through fabric
- Those with writing and/or pictures, except those with BC High logo

Masks should be handled by the loops or ties and students should avoid touching the outside or inside of the cloth area of the mask. Hands should be sanitized before and after masks are handled.

Students may not touch or handle masks of other students. Students who remove masks without permission will be referred to the Office of Student Life. If any of the above occurs, a student may be sent home and subject to a meeting with parents/guardian and the Vice-Principal for Students before returning to school. Masks will be available at approved entrances. If students arrive at school without a mask, they must get a mask to enter the building.

We ask that each student carry an additional clean mask in his backpack; however, if he requires a clean mask during the day, we will provide one.

Students who cannot wear their masks as described above may be sent home and subject to a meeting with parents/guardian and the Vice-Principal for Students before returning to school. If a student is defiant when redirected to wear his mask appropriately, he will be referred to Student Life or the Arrupe Office.

## **Hajjar Dining Hall/Commons and Cadigan Café Eating Protocol**

### Unvaccinated Students:

In order to promote safety, all unvaccinated students must eat in Cadigan Gym at tables with plexiglass dividers. This applies to any time of day when an unvaccinated student wishes to eat.

- Students must follow the cafeteria protocol for disposing of the items they used during lunch in the proper receptacles, making sure to leave nothing behind.
- Students are required to clean their eating space after use.
- Students will remain at their table for the duration of the lunch period.
- Students will only be permitted to leave their lunch table to go to the restroom or to clean up their eating space.

Any student found to be in violation of this policy may be sent home and subject to a meeting with parents/guardian and the Vice-Principal for Students before returning to school.

### Vaccinated Students:

Vaccinated students must sanitize their hands before and after eating. Students are to wear masks at all times in the cafeteria until they are seated, and ready to eat. At that point they may remove masks to eat. Students must place their mask on a napkin, paper towel or paper plate while eating. These items must be disposed of in a barrel by the student when they are done eating. Masks may not be placed directly on the table. Students should always be aware that if they need to cough or sneeze during this time, they need to assume that they could be contaminating others

by doing so and should always be ready to cough into the mask or a paper towel/napkin. Students should be coughing into their elbow and washing/disinfecting their hands right afterward.

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- Students are required to clean their eating space and after use.
- Students will remain at their table for the duration of the lunch period.
- Students will only be permitted to leave their lunch table to go to the restroom or to clean up their eating space.

### **Ordering Lunch**

Students may order their lunch by midnight the day prior via an online app for pick up. Specifically, students will be able to continue to use the Transact Mobile ordering app and have lunch available for pickup at the “Express Lunch Pick up” station -- a kind of a “skip the line” feature we will offer. Students will also be able to buy lunch via the lunch line.

### **Free Period Protocol (High School)**

Student free periods are a privilege and should be used in a responsible, productive manner. Free periods promote student independence by giving students the freedom and personal responsibility to manage their time. Free periods also provide a mental break and, when used effectively, students can catch up on their schoolwork, get a head start on homework, and study for quizzes/exams. Free periods are not an opportunity to leave campus or roam the halls.

Spaces available for free periods depend on the time of day. Students will be advised when these spaces are open, as they depend on the time of day. Cadigan gym has been repurposed and cannot yet accommodate physical activity. Students may not spend time in the halls and must report to one of the following locations:

- Dining Hall/Café
- Library
- Cadigan Gym/Atrium (when available)
- McNeice (when available)

Any student wishing to eat during a free period must refer to the eating protocols outlined above. The only place an unvaccinated student may eat during a free period is in Cadigan Gym at tables with plexiglass dividers.

Any student found to be in violation of this policy may be sent home and subject to a meeting with parents/guardian and the Vice-Principal for Students before returning to school.

### **Free Period Protocol (Arrupe)**

Arrupe students have a Flex Period on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. They will have PE or Music classes on some of these days. On other days, the students may go to the Math Lab, a Study Hall, Manresa, or an activity. When Flex meets before lunch, Study Hall will be in Cadigan gym. At other times, Study Halls will be in classrooms. Locations for all Flex options will be posted daily. Students must go to a specific room during this time. They may not wander the hallways.

### **Entering The Building Protocol**

When students arrive each morning at BC High, there will be three entrances that they can use to enter the building. One is the main entrance off of Morrissey Boulevard. The second is the side entrance by the Office of Student Life, and the third entrance is in Walsh Hall (the Arrupe Division), which opens at 7:15 a.m. These are the only three entrances that will be available. There will be hand sanitizing stations at these entrances and extra masks, if needed. All students are required to use hand sanitizer upon entering the building. Students must wear a mask when in the school building.

### **Covid Symptoms and Testing**

Monitoring for symptoms and testing is an integral part of our community and return to full-time, in-person learning.

For the most up-to-date guidelines, please refer to the Covid information page [here](#).

In the school's mission we have made a commitment to care for others. We expect that this commitment extends to all members of our community regarding the care and safety extended during this time of Covid. Our goal is to preserve the health of all members of the community and prevent the transmission of Covid among our members and on our campus. Honest and open communication by all will be key during this school year. Therefore, it is expected that all members of the community will adhere to the necessities of the following:

- Stay home if you are sick or have any symptoms.
- Communicate necessary information regarding illness or exposure to the school nurses.
- Follow up-to-date quarantine guidelines if you are a close contact of anyone with Covid symptoms or diagnosed with Covid.
- Adhere to all travel guidelines.
- Abstain from social activities that put you at risk for Covid.
- Follow the direction of the school nurses regarding contact tracing, quarantining and/or isolation.

The most up-to-date information on symptoms and testing can be found [here](#).

For the health and safety of our entire community it is vital that parents review their son(s) health each morning to monitor for symptoms of Covid- 19 using this screening tool:



Review this COVID-19 Daily Self Checklist **each day** before reporting to school.

If you have experienced any of the following in the past 24 hours, STAY HOME and call the appropriate attendance line:

1. High School Attendance Line: 617.474.5111
2. Arrupe Division Attendance Line: 617.474.5083

If you start feeling sick during the school day, go to the nurses' office. Do not contact your parent/guardian until you see a nurse.



**Do you have a fever (temperature over 99.5°F) without having taken any fever reducing medications?**

Yes  No

**New Loss of Taste or Smell?**

Yes

No

**Muscle Aches?**

Yes

No

**Sore Throat?**

Yes

No

**Cough?**

Yes

No

**Shortness of Breath?**

Yes

No

**Repeated Shaking/Chills?**

Yes

No

**Headache?**

Yes

No

**Fatigue?**

Yes

No

**Have you had any of these symptoms in the past 24 hours not related to allergies?**

**Runny Nose?**

Yes

No

**Congestion?**

Yes

No

**Have you experienced any GI symptoms such as nausea/ vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of appetite?**

Yes  No

**Have you been asked to self-isolate or quarantine by a medical professional or by a local public health official?**

Yes  No

Contact your son's primary care provider for advice and evaluation when he has Covid-19 symptoms. Please follow-up with the school nurses by calling the office at 617-474-5128 or 5084 to discuss your son's absence. You may also contact the nurses at [nursesoffice@bchigh.edu](mailto:nursesoffice@bchigh.edu) with any questions.

### **Outdoor Spaces**

Students will be informed when and where they can be outside during the school day. Adult supervision will be required when students are outside during the school day.

### **Attendance Procedure (Arrupe)**

Whenever a student is absent from school, whether learning remotely or on campus, his parent or guardian must call the Arrupe Attendance Line at 617-474-5083 by **9:00 a.m.** or an email to [pjosephs@bchigh.edu](mailto:pjosephs@bchigh.edu) on the morning of the absence. Messages are to be left on the voicemail line. The email address of the parent must be the same email address as the one on the BC High parent contact portal. Upon returning to school after an absence, the student must obtain an admit slip from the Arrupe office. Either the email from the previous day or a note from the parent is required for the admit slip.

### **Tardiness Procedure (Arrupe)**

A student is considered tardy when he arrives after 8:20. To excuse your son's tardiness, we require an email to [pjosephs@bchigh.edu](mailto:pjosephs@bchigh.edu) on (please type the word TARDY in the subject line) or a phone call to the Attendance Line by **9:00 a.m.** stating that your son is going to be late to school. Upon arrival, the student is to report directly to the Arrupe Office to obtain an admit slip. This slip must be presented to the teacher of the class he enters. Depending on the reason for the tardiness, JUG may or may not be applied. Any student who has an activity on a school night, regardless of how late the event or competition runs, is expected to be at school on time the next morning.

### **Dismissal Procedure (Arrupe)**

If a student is going to be dismissed, we ask that a parent or guardian email [pjosephs@bchigh.edu](mailto:pjosephs@bchigh.edu) (and type the word DISMISSAL in the subject line) or call the Arrupe Attendance Line to request a student's dismissal. (Please Note that emails must be sent before 11:45 AM. After that, a phone call is required).

The student must report to the Arrupe Office the morning of the dismissal and obtain a dismissal pass. This pass should be shown to the teacher in the class from which he will be dismissed at the beginning of the class period. Student dismissals should always go through the Arrupe Office and/or the nurses. Students may not use cell phones nor iPads to call, text, email, or otherwise contact a parent or guardian to request pickup in the middle of the school day; dismissal due to illness is the exclusive purview of the nurse.

In the event that you have scheduled an appointment during the school day of which the student is not aware, parents/guardians should email their son and Mrs. Josephs (please type

DISMISSAL in the subject line). Unannounced dismissals disrupt the classroom and class time. We ask that parents/guardians who pick their son remain outside the school while we process the student's dismissal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### **Attendance Procedure (High School)**

Whenever a student is absent from school his parent or guardian must call the Attendance Line at 617-474-5111 by **9:00 a.m.** on the morning of the absence and send an email to Mrs. Durkin [pdurkin@bchigh.edu](mailto:pdurkin@bchigh.edu). Messages are to be left on the voicemail line. Upon returning to school after an absence, the student must obtain an admit slip from the Office of Student Life.

For the 2021-2022 school year, a parent or guardian must email Patti Durkin at [pdurkin@bchigh.edu](mailto:pdurkin@bchigh.edu) in lieu of a handwritten absent note. The email address of the parent must be the same email address on the BC High parent contact portal. To obtain the admit slip, the student must report to Student Life explaining the reason for his absence, even though the parent or guardian has called the school on the day of the absence. Failure to call the Office of Student Life on the day of the absence or to provide an absent email on the day the student returns to school will result in a JUG.

During this Covid-19 Pandemic it is more important than ever to provide detailed information on why your son will be absent from school in order to aid any necessary contact tracing efforts.

### **Tardiness**

A student is considered tardy when he is late for class (arrives after the bell) when he is scheduled to be present. To excuse your son's tardiness, we require an email to Mrs. Durkin [pdurkin@bchigh.edu](mailto:pdurkin@bchigh.edu) or a phone call to the Attendance Line by **9:00 a.m.** stating that your son is going to be late to school. Upon arrival, the student is to report directly to the Office of Student Life to obtain an admit slip. This slip must be presented to the teacher of the class he enters. Depending on the reason for the tardiness, JUG may or may not be applied. Any student who has an activity on a school night, regardless of how late the event or competition runs, is expected to be at school on time the next morning.

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In the event that you have scheduled an appointment during the school day of which your son was not aware, please email your son as well as call the Attendance Line. Unannounced dismissals disrupt the classroom and class time. We ask that parents who are picking up their son

remain outside the school while we process your son's dismissal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### **Classroom Behavior**

While safety is the top priority for all of us in these challenging times, it is also extremely important for each of us to contribute in our own way to our community's success in maintaining a positive learning environment. ALL students have an impact on that environment. A positive impact involves active listening, participation in discussion when appropriate, note-taking and general cooperation with classroom activities. Students who behave inappropriately or use technology in ways that interfere with the teacher's ability to conduct class will have a negative impact on the community. We will expect all of our students to understand this basic distinction and to support our school's effort to make this a year of great academic progress.

### **From Our Handbook**

#### Photos and Video

In the interest of protecting the privacy of the people who come to BC High each day, no one is allowed to use any camera, video camera, smart phone, iPad or any other electronic device to take any photo(s) or video(s) of any student, faculty member, administrator, staff and any other personnel on or off campus at any time without awareness and/or permission of that individual. A student is never allowed to share electronic content from a photo or video obtained without permission. Anyone who violates this policy will appear before an Accountability Board.

### **Dress Code / Arrupe Uniform**

A student's appearance is his personal responsibility. Students are expected to adhere to the dress code/uniform policy. Untidy appearance is unacceptable. The expectation is that students follow the guidelines outlined in the student handbook.

#### *From the Student Handbook:*

Students must wear a collared shirt with long or short sleeves that is properly buttoned. No hats, head covers, or caps are to be worn.

Clothing that advertises alcoholic beverages or contains otherwise inappropriate, obscene or offensive imagery or messages, as well as jewelry or personal effects that pose a distraction to others, are not permitted.

Though enforced by all members of the adult community, the VPSL and the Dean of Students (the VPAD and the Arrupe Dean in Arrupe) are the final arbiters in all matters of dress code and hairstyle or any distractions to the normal school day regarding personal appearance. If a student is deemed in violation of the dress code, JUG must be served on the day of the violation.