



COVID FAQ - PARENTS & STUDENTS

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- 1. If the student only attends the two days that their school is open for them, how will the teaching work on the remote days? Will they be able to log in and learn along with the students in the classroom?**

All districts have indicated that they will send CTE, Compass and campus-based special education students to their instructional program five days per week regardless of the home school schedule. Students selecting an entirely remote learning experience will log in daily and complete required assignments. CTE classrooms will be equipped with cameras to provide students with the opportunity for “live look-ins” at the time their program regularly meets.

- 2. So last night with [my child’s district’s] Zoom meeting, they said my student would get all of his education from Boces if he attended CTE.**

BOCES has offered interested districts the option to have CTE students take their non-CTE credits remotely with BOCES teachers. The BOCES CTE program has academic teachers available to teach English, math, social studies and physical education. Other courses a student may need are likely available through our eLearning Academy. Students whose districts choose this option will attend their BOCES CTE program at the appropriate time (seniors in the morning and juniors in the afternoon) and will take the remainder of their courses remotely from home.

- 3. So if they choose to only attend the two days, and remote the other 3, there will be no zoom for them to log into the classrooms?**

Students will attend their BOCES program according to the schedule established by their home district, unless the student has chosen a fully remote learning experience.

- 4. Also last night with the [my child’s district’s] Zoom, they made it sound like BOCES would be handling the transportation from home to BOCES, and that they would not be going to the HS to receive transportation to BOCES.**

Transportation to and from the BOCES will be provided by the home school district. Each school district will determine how it will transport its students to the BOCES. You should consult with your home school district to determine what their transportation plan is.

5. What happens if a student is in culinary at BOCES and is doing remote learning from the home school? How will that work with BOCES if we choose to do remote learning at BOCES?

Classrooms on the BOCES campus will be equipped with cameras enabling teachers to provide live instruction to students who are learning remotely from home. While this model would not impact a student's ability to earn course credit, there would be limited opportunities for students to develop their program-specific, hands-on skills.

6. Who can we talk to about how the BOCES program will operate if we choose remote?

CTE: Steve Woodard, 315-255-7640

Compass: Steve Woodard, 315-255-7640; Drew Yakawiak, 315-255-7630

Special Education: Susan Lynch, 315-255-0361, Ext. 5319

7. How often will you reconsider online vs remote learning? Will it be each marking period?

Our instructional model will be monitored and re-evaluated as necessitated by the County and State Departments of Health.

8. What is the protocol if a student in a classroom tests positive for COVID? Will the parents of the students in their classroom be notified?

If a student or staff member tests positive, the BOCES will immediately notify the Cayuga County Department of Health who will then conduct contact tracing. The Department of Health will contact anyone who had close and proximate contact with the person who tested positive.

Anyone who tests positive will be required to self-isolate and will be monitored by the Department of Health and will not be able to return to school or work until released by the Department of Health.

The BOCES will follow the CDC guidelines regarding cleaning and disinfecting following a confirmed positive case of COVID-19. Specifically we will:

- Close off areas used by the person who is sick.

- Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area.
- Wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting. If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible.
- Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person who is sick, such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, shared electronic equipment like tablets, touch screens, keyboards, remote controls, and copier machines.
- Vacuum the space if needed.
- Consider temporarily turning off room fans and the central HVAC system that services the room or space, so that particles that escape from vacuuming will not circulate throughout the facility.

Once the area has been appropriately disinfected, it will be opened for use. Workers without close contact with the person who tested positive can return to work immediately after disinfection.

The BOCES, in direct consultation with the Department of Health, will determine whether a building or parts of a building should be closed to staff and students.

- 9. With regards to CTE, can you elaborate on the statement that students are "Welcome" to attend their program 5 days per week. Is in-person education elective? If so, what are the classroom density requirements?**

CTE students may choose to come to the BOCES campus for instruction every day or they can choose to receive instruction remotely every day. Classroom seating will be socially distanced. Most classrooms will have a maximum capacity of 10-12 students.

- 10. Do we have a choice of sending our kids to Compass 5 days or can we limit?**

Students will attend their BOCES program according to the schedule established by their home district, unless the student has chosen a fully remote learning experience.

- 11. Transportation - last night's meeting at [my child's district] said there would be busing to and from BOCES, how will that work? Can the parent drive the student to and from BOCES?**

Please see answer to question 4.

Parents may drop off and pick up students at the BOCES. Students may also drive to and from the BOCES.

- 12. What day and time does BOCES plan to reopen?**

All BOCES programs start on September 8, 2020. Morning CTE programming and the

Compass program will start at approximately 9:00. Afternoon CTE programming will start at approximately 12:00. Campus-based special education programming will start at approximately 8:30 each day.

- 13. Curious about transportation for schools such as my son's who are only doing in person 2 days per week, is this happening at other schools?**

Please see answer to question 4.

- 14. What door do students enter the building? Especially for those who are dropped off by parents.**

Students who drive to the BOCES campus or who are dropped off should use the entrance for their specific program. That information will be mailed to students and we will have staff directing students to their program specific entrances during the first few weeks of school.

- 15. [My child's] High School is telling us that all her high school classes will be taught either virtually or at BOCES....can you clarify?**

Please see the answer to question #2.

- 16. Will students be given a schedule coordinating home base schools and BOCES program? When will final scheduling go out to students? By email or snail mail?**

All CTE scheduling is completed through the home school districts. COMPASS and special education students will receive their daily schedules upon arrival September 8th.

- 17. I saw that we're able to attend BOCES five days a week, but does that mean we will be going five days a week even if our regular school only is allowing us to go two days a week?**

Yes.

- 18. So if they opt to receive their additional classes through BOCES would they be attending all 5 days?**

Scheduling will occur through consultation with the home district. If the home district chooses to have students take their non-CTE courses through BOCES, students would attend their CTE program all five days and would take their remaining classes remotely from home.

19. Do you have a resource class for students that need extra help?

BOCES CTE program includes three special education teachers who provide push-in and pull-out support to students. We do not offer Resource Room/Classes. Please contact your home school Director of Special Education with any questions pertaining to Resource Room/Classes. Our Compass program does not have any special education teachers on staff.

20. If you are in a more hands on program, but you cannot get to BOCES every day, what would online learning look like?

Please see the answer to question #5.

21. With respect to taking home school classes, my daughter is in PALS and she will need to take Chemistry, PE as well as Eng 12 and Car and Fin which are currently included in PALS percurrent schedule. Will she be able to get those extra classes taught at BOCES?

The BOCES CTE program has certified teachers in the areas of English, math, social studies and Physical Education. These teachers can provide push-in, pull-out or remote instruction to students in these courses. While we do not have a certified science teacher in our CTE program, most science courses are available through our eLearning Academy.

22. Do students need to get a parking pass?

Yes. Students who will be driving to the BOCES campus should contact Steve Woodard at 315-255-7640 for parking pass information.

23. If our school is online only Wednesday will the school still be responsible for transporting our students to and from BOCES?

Yes.

24. What is the age/grade for eligible Compass students?

Compass is open to students in grades 7-12. For further information on the Compass program see your school counselor or Drew Yakawaik, who can be reached at 315-255-7630.

25. Does a student need an IEP to attend Compass?

No. In fact, most Compass students do not have an IEP.

26. Will there be temperature checks?

Yes. Upon arrival all students will be screened at their program entrance, which will include a temperature check.

27. If a temperature is reported, do the students have to take a COVID test before returning?

Any student with a fever will be sent home. Per the Department of Health guidelines, the student should seek medical attention and must have a provider's note, a negative test and be symptom free before returning to school.

28. How will remote learning work for hands-on CTE students?

Please see the answer to question #5.