

# BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## COVID-19 School Closure Statement

To All Medical Doctors, Psychiatrists, and Psychologists

The Home and Hospital Program of Baltimore County Public Schools traditionally provides an educational alternative for students who are unable to participate in the comprehensive school's programming due to medical and or emotional needs. Their illness prevents them from attending a full day of regular school programming.

In the wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Baltimore County Public Schools is offering remote learning for ALL BCPS students. There will be no face to face instruction for all students until after January 29, 2021. Students will be able to engage in online learning with their classmates and teachers in their regular school community.

The Home and Hospital Program is encouraging families and schools to allow students to begin their initial instruction with their peers and classroom teachers in order to provide access to their school community. If medical and/or emotional conditions are severe or continue to be a barrier to their educational access, students can still be referred to the Home and Hospital Program for online instruction with modifications and reduced time.

We appreciate your cooperation and are here to support and collaborate with you.

The Home and Hospital Program

Baltimore County Public Schools

Date Received by Enrollment School: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM  
FOR HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITALIZED STUDENTS  
HOME AND HOSPITAL PROGRAM  
Baltimore County Public Schools  
6229 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21209  
Telephone 410-887-3222  
Email hhreferrals@bcps.org**

PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT **PHYSICAL/PREGNANCY CONDITION- SY 2020-2021**

**PLEASE REVIEW THE ATTACHED COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURE STATEMENT BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM**

NOTE: All portions of this professional statement must be completed for Home and Hospital instructional services to be considered. All signatures are required for processing.

**Please indicate credentials:**  Pediatrician  Obstetrician  Nurse Practitioner  Specialist (Please indicate):

(\*A Physician Assistant or Midwife may **NOT** be the sole signature on this Professional Statement. **Only** a psychiatrist, licensed psychologist, or school psychologist may certify **EMOTIONAL** conditions using the Emotional Professional Statement\*)

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  Male  Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Office Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. Medical diagnosis/condition:**

\*Date of Last Examination: \_\_\_\_\_ For Pregnancy, Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Is the student seen on regularly scheduled visits to your office?  Yes  No

Frequency of visits: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last visit: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Is the student currently on medication?  Yes  No

\*If Yes; Medication(s)/Dosage(s) \_\_\_\_\_

How will the medication(s) affect school performance? \_\_\_\_\_

\*Impact on School Attendance (Description of how the impact precludes the student from attendance at the school of enrollment.)

- Immune Suppression
- Fatigue
- Medically restricted activity; Describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- Pain
- Other; Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Recommended type of program for student:

**Full Time Physical** - (\*For a student anticipated to be **continuously** absent for 20 or more school days\*)

**\*Must complete Part II\***

**Full Time Pregnancy** - (*\*Students are eligible to receive Home and Hospital instruction one week prior to the anticipated due date and may continue receiving instruction six weeks post-delivery\**)

**Chronic/Intermittent** – SERVICES TO BEGIN WHEN SCHOOLS RE-OPEN FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION (*\*For a student anticipated to be **intermittently** absent due to a verified chronic condition throughout the school year\**) **\*Do not complete Part II\***

**II. Full Time Physical Program ONLY –**

**Anticipated Length of Absence from School:** \_\_\_\_\_ (request must not exceed 60 calendar days)

*\*If more time is required, re-verification of condition is required prior to the expiration date\**

**III. Any restrictions on activity for school program?**  Yes  No

*\*If yes, please describe the restrictions.* \_\_\_\_\_  
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**IV. Does the student have a contagious condition?**  Yes  No

*\*If yes, please describe the condition and needed precautions for teachers:*

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\_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: By signing this statement, I certify that:**

- I am currently treating the above-named student.
- This student is not able to attend the regular day-school program with modifications because of his/her medical condition.
- I understand that students approved for the full-time Home and Hospital instructional services with a tutor typically receive 6 hours of instruction per week and that these services are the student’s sole source of instruction—not a supplemental tutoring service.
- I have reviewed the COVID-19 statement

MD/NP Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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As the parent/guardian of the above student, I give my permission for my son/daughter to be referred to the Home and Hospital Program and when necessary, for the administrator, or his/her designee, to contact the physician above in reference to the medical condition(s) necessitating this referral. I am aware additional medical information may be required, as needed.

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Numbers:** (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

For Home and Hospital Use Only
Date Received: _____
Date Assigned: _____

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