

Bridgeport Public Schools COVID Guidelines. PLEASE READ!

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Bridgeport Public Schools COVID-19 Guidelines (Updated 8-18-2023)

In accordance with current DPH/CDC/CSDE guidance, the following guidelines will be put in place to minimize the spread of illness.

Bridgeport Public Schools will continue mitigation measures of increased ventilation, frequent hand hygiene, self-assessment of symptoms, mask option, encouraging respiratory etiquette, and maintaining the cleaning and sanitizing of classrooms, and common use spaces.

Students, Staff, and Families are encouraged to:

· VACCINATE

- Individuals should contact their primary care providers to discuss vaccine options. COVID-19 and FLU vaccines should both be considered. - Current vaccine recommendation information can be found at: [Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)

· SYMPTOM SELF AWARENESS

- Those with mild symptoms such as infrequent cough, congestion, runny nose, and sore throat may continue to attend school. COVID-19 testing and masking, until symptoms resolve is advised.

- Those with symptoms such as fever/chills, constant cough, fatigue, body aches, vomiting, and diarrhea are to stay home. Consult with their primary care providers, and consider testing for COVID-19. If the test is negative individuals may return to school when symptom-free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

- The School Health Office is considered an area of higher risk for the spread of illness. The School Health Nurses may require the use of masks in the office based on his/her assessment of student symptoms.

If EXPOSED TO COVID-19 (close contact with a household case).

If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 regardless of vaccination status

- No quarantine is required. It is recommended that you wear a mask for 10 days after the last exposure, self-monitor for symptoms, and get tested on day 5 after the last exposure. If the test is positive, please refer to the current protocol for positive individuals.

· TESTING

- Please contact your primary care provider for testing options. - Link to Covid-19 Testing Sites in your community [Community-Based Testing Sites for COVID-19 | HHS.gov](#)

· INDIVIDUALS POSITIVE for COVID-19 Protocol. (Regardless of vaccination status.)

- Student cases of COVID-19 should be reported to the School Health Nurse. The School Health Nurse will document this information daily in POWERSCHOOL.
- Staff Members should report cases of Covid-19 to their administrator. Medical documentation for the absence should be forwarded to Human Resources pursuant to the staff member's contract.
- Positive individuals with or without symptoms MUST isolate for 5 days. Day zero is the date of a positive test or symptom onset.
- On days 6-10 individuals may resume usual activities wearing a mask if no fever and all other symptoms are stable or improving.

MONITORING

Bridgeport Public Schools will continue to monitor and update the COVID-19 guidelines based on the number of cases within our schools and community. Any outbreaks may result in individual classroom/grade level/school guideline changes.

Link to COVID-19 community levels. [COVID-19 by County | CDC](#)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

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