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SUBJECT: **UPDATED COVID-19 INFORMATION**



ACTION: This memo provides updated information on COVID-19. It is important that all employees, students, and the community be informed.

RATIONALE: The District aims to ensure that school personnel and staff are knowledgeable of COVID-19 procedures. Based on guidance from the CDC, FDOH, and public health experts, the District's protocols have been revised to ensure a safe school community. It is recommended that everyone responsible for students and employees, review the following updated COVID-19 guidance.

Guidance for Vaccinated Staff and Students

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released updated quarantine guidance for vaccinated persons.

Vaccinated BCPS students and staff with an exposure to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Are fully vaccinated (i.e., ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or
- ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine)
- Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure

Vaccinated BCPS students and staff who do not meet ALL the above criteria should continue to follow current quarantine guidance after exposure to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19.

Vaccinated BPCS students and staff should continue to follow the recommendations to protect themselves and others, to include following general principles for proper mask use, staying at least 6 feet apart from other, avoiding crowds, ventilating indoor spaces, and washing hands frequently.

Updated Quarantine Protocol for Asymptomatic Close Contact

This applies to individuals who are not vaccinated or who are not fully vaccinated. Based on CDC Public Health Recommendations, students and staff with an exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19 should quarantine.



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Updated quarantine guidelines for asymptomatic close contact:

- Return to school/work after **day 7** (from last day of exposure) after receiving a **negative PCR** result (**test must occur on day 5 or later**)
- Return to school/work after **day 10** (from last day of exposure) **without testing if asymptomatic**

Individuals should be advised to continue monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days, should any symptoms develop, they should immediately self-isolate and contact the local public health authority or their healthcare provider to report this change and be tested for COVID-19.

Quarantine guidelines for close contacts **with continuous exposure** to a positive case will differ from those close contacts without continuous exposure. Please contact Risk Management or Coordinated Student Health Services for additional guidance.

Updated Protocol for Individuals Who Test Positive for COVID-19

For students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 a **negative PCR test** will no longer be required to return to school or work after isolation.

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and have symptoms, may return after the following criteria are met:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms began or date of initial test **AND**
- At least 24 hours have passed with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **AND**
- Other symptoms have improved

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and have no symptoms, may return after the following criteria are met:

- At least 10 days have passed since the date of the positive test result

Face Coverings

Face coverings will be required through Summer School 2021. The SBBC Face Covering Policy (2170) remains in effect at this time, which states: All students, employees, visitors, vendors or other persons are always required to properly wear a face covering while at or inside a school/facility, school sponsored activity, or other vehicle owned, leased or operated by The School Board. The District continues to work closely with federal and local health experts on all guidance related to school safety COVID protocols. The health and safety of our students and employees are our District's highest priorities.

Summer Program Guidance

This guidance outlines strategies that summer programs can use to maintain healthy environments and operations, lower the risk of COVID-19 spread, prepare for when someone is sick with COVID-19 and support coping and resilience.



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1. **Masks.** Require all summer program participants, staff and visitors to use well-fitting masks with proper filtration consistently and correctly to prevent the spread of COVID-19 through respiratory droplets. Masks should be worn over the nose and mouth. Masks that become dirty or wet should be replaced with a clean one as soon as possible.
2. **Mask Exceptions.** All people in summer program facilities should wear masks at all times with exceptions such as when **eating, drinking, swimming or participating in outdoor activities while maintaining physical distancing.** Do not wear a mask while doing activities that could get your mask wet, such as swimming at the beach or pool.
3. **Maintain Physical Distancing.**
 - a. At least 3 feet between all participants within a cohort
 - b. At least 6 feet between all participants outside a cohort
 - c. At least 6 feet while eating and drinking, including among people within the same cohort
 - d. At least 6 feet between participants and staff
 - e. At least 6 feet between staff
4. **Nap time.** Assign participants' nap time mats to individual children, sanitize before and after use, and space them out as much as possible. Place participants head-to-toe to ensure distance between their faces. Masks should not be worn when sleeping.
5. **Buses and Transportation.** Maintain distance between participants while on buses or other transportation. Seat children one child per row, skip rows if possible. Participants who live in the same household may sit together. Masks should be required while on buses or transportation.
6. **Handwashing.** Teach and reinforce frequent handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol can be used (for staff and participants over the age of 2) who can safely use hand sanitizer. Ensure enough sinks or hand sanitizer dispensers are available at key locations for participants to be able to use them without crowding, especially during peak usage times.
7. **Designated COVID-19 Point of Contact.** Designate a staff person (healthcare personnel or other trained staff) to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. All participants, staff and families should know who this person is and have that person's contact information. COVID-19 Notification Form should be completed by the designated staff for any program participants exhibiting COVID-19 signs and symptoms (see list below).

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- 8. Symptom Monitoring.** Ask parents/guardians or caregivers to monitor their children for signs of infectious illness including COVID-19. Children with symptoms of any infectious illness or symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend the summer program. Staff should also monitor for signs of infectious illness, including COVID-19, and should not report to work if they have symptoms. Symptoms of COVID-19 include:
- a. Fever or chills
 - b. Cough
 - c. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - d. Fatigue
 - e. Muscle or body aches
 - f. Headache
 - g. New loss of taste or smell
 - h. Sore Throat
 - i. Congestion or runny nose
 - j. Nausea or vomiting
 - k. Diarrhea
- 9. Preparing for when someone gets sick.** Isolating and transporting children and staff who have symptoms while at summer programs includes:
- a. Isolate people who have COVID-19 symptoms from other children and staff. Plan to have an isolation room or area, that you can use to isolate a sick participant or staff member. Ensure the isolated children are still under adult supervision. Arrange safe transportation home or to a healthcare facility (if severe symptoms) for the participant or staff member.
 - b. Close off the areas used by a sick person and do not use these areas until after cleaning and disinfecting them; this includes surfaces and shared objects in the area.

Additional guidance from the CDC is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>

For questions or additional information:

Students: Please contact the Coordinated Student Health Services Department via email at COVID19Nurse@browardschools.com.

Staff: Please contact the Risk Management Department via email at theresa.coleman@browardschools.com.

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