



Berkeley County Schools 2021-2022 Covid-19 Close Contact Protocols*

Updates for Close Contacts¹ of a Covid-19 Positive Case:

- **Students/employees/volunteers who have been fully vaccinated (and have no symptoms) do NOT have to quarantine² if exposed to a Covid-19 positive case.**
- **Students:**
 - Who have worn masks for the entirety of their close contact (*within 3 feet*) of a positive student do **NOT** have to quarantine ***if the positive student was also wearing a mask at the time.***
 - If the close contact student AND/OR the Covid-19 positive case were not wearing masks, the close contact student WILL need to quarantine.
 - If the close contact student develops symptoms, the close contact student WILL need to quarantine.
- **Adults/Berkeley County School Employees/Adult volunteers:**
 - **WILL** have to quarantine if they are within **6** feet of a Covid-19 positive case (for 15 minutes or more within 24 hours) in an indoor classroom setting if they are **not** fully vaccinated regardless of whether or not either person was wearing masks.
- A person who has tested positive for Covid-19 does NOT need to quarantine or get tested again for up to 3 months as long as they do not develop symptoms. A person who develops symptoms again within 3 months of their first bout of COVID-19 may need to be tested again if there is no other cause identified for their symptoms.
- In the event of close contact exposure to a Covid-19 positive case, employees will be asked to provide evidence of their vaccination or recent Covid-19 positive test result to avoid quarantine.
- Employees/volunteers who are known contacts of a Covid-19 positive case AND/OR or known to be Covid-19 positive must report the information to their supervisor/administrator.
- Parents/caregivers of students who are known contacts of a Covid-19 positive case AND/OR or known to be Covid-19 positive must report the information to their student's school.

*Per directives of the Berkeley/Morgan County Board of Health (BMCBH) and WV Department of Education (WVDE) School Recovery and Guidance <https://wvde.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/School-Recovery-and-Guidance-Document-FALL-2021-FINAL.pdf>.

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (Covid-19)

Quarantine Guidance³

Students/employees who have been vaccinated (and have no symptoms) do NOT have to quarantine. Students who have worn masks for the entirety of their interactions with a positive student do not have to quarantine if the positive student was also wearing a mask at the time.

<p>Option 1 Quarantine period can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been identified during daily self-monitoring.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 0*-10 quarantine for close contacts can end if no symptoms develop during daily self-monitoring without testing. • If an individual develops symptoms within the quarantine period, immediately isolate and contact the local health department to report change in clinical status.
<p>Option 2 Quarantine period can end after Day 7 if someone tests negative (PCR or antigen test) and if no symptoms have been identified during daily self-monitoring.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 0*-7 quarantine for close contact can end if COVID-19 test is negative and if no symptoms develop during daily self-monitoring. • Specimen may be collected and tested within 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation. • Self-monitoring and mask wearing should be continuous. • If an individual develops symptoms within the quarantine period, immediately isolate and contact public health to report change in clinical status
<p>If you live with a Covid Positive Person AND are unable to isolate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware that your quarantine does not start if you share common spaces like bathrooms, kitchens, and bedrooms. Your Day 0* would be Day 10 of the Confirmed Positive’s quarantine if you are unable to isolate. Proceed to follow Option 1 or Option 2 listed above.

**Duration of quarantine applies from the last date of exposure (Day 0)*

¹<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact>

²<https://wvde.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/School-Recovery-and-Guidance-Document-FALL-2021-FINAL.pdf>

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