

Berkeley Carroll Exposure and Quarantine Guidelines

Berkeley Carroll is required to report each positive case to the NYS Department of Health, and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene makes all final quarantine and close contact decisions.

It is the responsibility of each parent/guardian and individual to take precautions and report exposure to the school. Any employee, student or family who is in any of the situations listed below ***must be in contact with the [Health Team](#)***.

Please note that definitions and explanations of terms appear below the chart.

<p>Please keep in mind that each exposure is unique and quarantine guidelines are subject to change. Each case and exposure will be reviewed by the Health Team in consultation with local health authorities before final instructions are provided. Each of these scenarios and proposed guidelines are the result of guidance and best practices from the CDC, NYS ED, the NYS Department of Health and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. BC continues to employ recommended mitigation strategies to combat COVID-19.</p>	
Scenario	Guidelines
<p><u>At school, unvaccinated:</u> Unmasked student is a CLOSE CONTACT (less than 6 feet) of a confirmed case of COVID-19.</p>	<p>Quarantine for 10 days from exposure. OR After a negative PCR test on Day 5 after exposure, students can return on Day 7 of exposure if still asymptomatic.</p>
<p>Unvaccinated, unmasked students who were within 6 feet of the person who tested positive for more than 15 minutes over a 24 hour period <u>will be quarantined by the BC Health Team.</u></p>	
<p><u>At school, unvaccinated:</u> Masked student remains 3 feet or more from a masked student who has tested positive for COVID-19 (in the <u>classroom</u> or on the <u>bus</u>).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No quarantine if asymptomatic. 2. At onset of any symptom, stay home until guidance from Health Team, 3. Mask wearing at all times and enhanced distanced eating for 10 days. 4. In all cases, a PCR test on Day 5 is required. 5. Case-by-case use of antigen testing.
<p>Unvaccinated, masked students who were within 3 to 6 feet of the person who tested positive <u>will NOT be quarantined by the BC Health Team</u></p>	
<p><u>Outside of school (home, extracurricular activity, etc), unvaccinated:</u> Student is a CLOSE CONTACT of a confirmed case of COVID-19, masked or unmasked.</p>	<p>Quarantine for 10 days from exposure. OR After a negative PCR test on Day 5 of exposure, students can return on Day 7 of exposure if still asymptomatic.</p>
<p><u>In or out of school, fully vaccinated:</u> Individual is a CLOSE CONTACT of a confirmed case of COVID-19. *This also applies to those individuals who</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No quarantine if asymptomatic. 2. Mask wearing at all times and distanced eating for 10 days. 3. At onset of any symptom, stay home until guidance from Health Team.

<p>have had COVID-19 in the past 90 days.</p>	<p>4. In all cases, a PCR test on Day 5 of exposure is required. 5. Case-by-case use of antigen testing.</p>
<p><u>All individuals:</u> COVID-19 diagnosis</p> <p>Any positive COVID-19 test</p>	<p>Contact the BC Health Team</p> <p>The New York State Department of Health requires all positive cases to “isolate” for 10 days after the day they test positive (asymptomatic) or 10 days after the date of onset of symptoms, whichever comes first.</p> <p>Community member can return to school and “normal life” after 10 days and 48-hours symptom free.</p> <p>No testing on campus for 90 days (if applicable).</p>

Defined Terms:

Fully vaccinated is defined as being 2 or more weeks after the final dose (e.g., first for Janssen/Johnson & Johnson, second for Pfizer and Moderna) of the vaccine approved by the FDA or authorized by the FDA for emergency use.

Recently recovered individuals are defined as those people who have been recently diagnosed with laboratory confirmed COVID-19, and have recovered in the past 90 days.

Close Contact is someone who was within [6 feet of an infected person](#) (laboratory-confirmed or a [clinically compatible illness](#)) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, *three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes*).

- **Exception:** In the K–12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a [clinically compatible illness](#)) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) [correctly and consistently](#) wore well-fitting [masks](#) the entire time.