

## **BASD Quarantine / Returning to School Criteria:**

In alignment with requirements in Title 28 Pa. Code Chapter 27 (relating to communicable and noncommunicable diseases), schools must:

- Report positive cases of COVID-19 to DOH for case investigation, contact tracing, and issuance of quarantine and/or isolation orders; and
- Exclude school children and staff from having contact with other school children or staff showing symptoms of a communicable disease.

**Students and Staff who have symptoms of a communicable disease will be excluded from school in accordance with Title 28, PA Code Chapter 27.**

### **SYMPTOMATIC Staff and students with symptoms associated with COVID-19 must stay home.**

- Symptomatic individuals may return to school when:
  - At least 5 days have passed since symptom onset.
    - And At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and other symptoms have improved.
  - OR - Provide a negative COVID test and fever free for 24 hours
  - OR - Cleared in writing by Healthcare provider and fever free for 24 hours.
  - Strong Recommendation to wear a well-fitting mask for an additional 5 days.

### **POSITIVE COVID tests**

- Excluded from school and require a quarantine of 5 days
- May return to school on day 6 IF:
  - Symptoms are resolving
  - Fever Free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.
  - Strong Recommendation to wear a well-fitting mask for an additional 5 days.

**It is Strongly Recommended that a well-fitting mask is worn through day 10 after any COVID-like illness or positive test.**

### **Contact Tracing after Exposure to COVID 19**

- School Personnel will continue to contact trace and notify students of a known exposure to COVID
- It is strongly recommended that any person exposed to COVID-19 should wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days.
- **It is Strongly Recommended by BASD to follow quarantine recommendations from the CDC and the DOH:**
  - Stay home for 5 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19 (unless fully vaccinated and asymptomatic or tested positive for COVID in the last 90 days).

## **Exposed to COVID 19 at School or other Non-Household Exposure:**

- Recommendation is to quarantine for 5 days (if not vaccinated or had COVID in the last 90 days) and stay away from others, especially people who are high risk.
- Watch for fever (100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat, headache, loss of taste or smell, vomiting, diarrhea.
- Enroll in Test to Stay Program
- If symptoms develop, exclude from school, and treat as a symptomatic case (see symptomatic case above).

## **For a household member who tested positive for COVID**

- The Positive household member must quarantine for 5 days. (See Positive COVID test above)
- Households should quarantine and contact their health care provider for instructions.
- It is strongly recommended that all household members complete a quarantine period of 5 days (unless fully vaccinated and asymptomatic) and tested on day 5.
- It is strongly recommended that anyone who is not positive will quarantine an additional 5 days after the positive family member's initial 5 day quarantine, while monitoring for symptoms (10 days from the first symptom of the positive family member) and return to school on day 11.
- If symptoms develop, exclude from school, and treat as a symptomatic case (see symptomatic case above).

## **The following people with recent exposure may NOT need to quarantine:**

- 1. People who have been fully vaccinated AND are asymptomatic.**
  - Fully vaccinated guidelines include 14 days after primary series is complete.
  - If over 2 months post-J&J, or over 6 months from mRNA vaccines, must have booster to be considered fully vaccinated.
- 2. People who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 90 days AND are asymptomatic.**
- 3. People who are enrolled in school's Test-to-Stay Program and remain without symptoms.**

### **Protocol adapted from the following guidelines:**

PA HAN 619. (January 7, 2022 ) Isolation and Quarantine Periods for COVID 19 for the General Population.  
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/HAN/2022-619-1-7-UPD-COVID-19%20Isolation.pdf>

PA DOH (accessed January 4, 2022) Guidance on Test to Stay in Schools. [Test to Stay \(pa.gov\)](#)

PDE (accessed February 17, 2022) Responding to COVID-19 Case(s) in Schools. <https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/RespondingtoCases/Pages/default.aspx>

CDC. (November 5, 2021). Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>