



BCSD COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation Protocols for Students Effective August 4, 2021

Quarantine and Isolation Protocols are Subject to Change

The following protocols were developed based on the Georgia Department of Public Health Administrative Order issued on August 2, 2021. The Baldwin County School District will continue to follow the guidance issued by the North Central Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH), the Georgia Department of Education (GADOE), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the BCSD Pandemic Task Force to implement safety protocols for in-person instruction and to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The Baldwin County School District does not mandate vaccinations for faculty, staff or students. In an effort to provide convenient access to vaccinations, the District has partnered with the Baldwin County Health Department, the Bee Well Clinic (Community Health Care System, Inc.) and Atrium Health Navicent Baldwin to host vaccination clinics. COVID-19 Vaccines are offered daily at the health department and hospital. The Bee Well Clinic offers Moderna vaccines every Friday. You must make an appointment to get a COVID-19 vaccine at any of these locations. Parents may also register their child for the COVID-19 vaccine at one of the locations listed on the CDC vaccination resource page by clicking on the following link: [CDC Vaccine Sites 31061](#).

Parents should monitor their child(ren) for [symptoms of COVID-19](#), especially if they have been around someone who is sick. If a student has symptoms of COVID-19, the student should stay home and away from others.

Protocols for Fully Vaccinated Students

The following protocols were developed based on the Georgia Department of Public Health's Administrative Order issued on August 2, 2021, which provides flexibility with quarantine requirements in order to facilitate in-person learning.

- Students identified as a close contact to a positive case of COVID-19 who have been fully vaccinated and **DO NOT** display any symptoms **DO NOT** need to quarantine after contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 unless the student lives in a congregate setting. Congregate settings include healthcare congregate settings, such as long-term care facilities, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, etc. and non-healthcare settings, such as jails, prisons, shelters, etc. Dormitories are not typically considered a congregate setting in determining quarantine requirements.

- If the parent decides to have the student tested, the student should be tested between 4-5 days following a known exposure and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.
- If the student tests positive, the student should follow CDC guidelines for isolation.

Protocols for Partially Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Students

The following protocols were developed based on the Georgia Department of Public Health Administrative Order issued on August 2, 2021, which provides flexibility with quarantine requirements in order to facilitate in-person learning.

- If the student tests positive for COVID-19, the student should follow CDC guidelines for isolation.
- In the classroom setting, students who are identified as close contacts to a student who is positive for COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if both students are wearing masks and do not develop any symptoms.
- If the parent decides to have the student tested who is a close contact to a positive case of COVID-19, the student identified as a close contact should be tested between 4-5 days following the date of exposure to the positive COVID-19 case and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.
- Students who have been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case may be required to quarantine for a period of up to 14 days. The quarantine period may be shortened to 5 days if the following criteria are met:

After 5 full days have passed since the most recent exposure to a positive case of COVID-19 and if the student fulfills the following criteria, the student may come out of quarantine:

Are Tested for COVID-19

- ✓ If the parents plan to have the student discontinue quarantine after 5 full days, this means that the student should be tested on the 4th day after the exposure to the positive

COVID-19 case. The test should be a diagnostic test (PCR or antigen).

- ✓ Receive a negative test result.
- ✓ Does not experience any symptoms during the quarantine and monitoring period.

Are NOT Tested for COVID-19

- Students identified as a close contact who do not have a COVID-19 test done and do not have symptoms can end quarantine after day 7 with monitoring of symptoms through day 14. It is highly suggested that the student identified as a close contact wear a mask at all times during days 8-14.

After 7 full days have passed since the student's most recent exposure to a positive COVID-19 case, the student may end quarantine if **BOTH** of the following criteria are met:

- ✓ **Are NOT tested** for COVID-19
- ✓ Do not experience any symptoms during the monitoring period

If the student discontinues quarantine after 7 full days, parents should continue to monitor the student's health and follow mitigation strategies until 14 days after the most recent exposure to a positive case of COVID-19 and **isolate immediately if symptoms develop**. Mitigation strategies that should be practiced include the recommendation of correct and consistent mask use, social distancing, hand and cough hygiene, environmental cleaning and disinfection, avoiding crowds, and ensuring adequate indoor ventilation.

[CDC Guidelines for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools](#)