

BOUND BROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Office of the Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and wish you the best in 2022! We are writing to confirm that the Bound Brook School District will open as normal on Monday, January 3rd, 2022 with full-day, in-person instruction. If your child has or does test positive for COVID-19, please remember to e-mail us at the following email address: covid@bbrook.k12.nj.us, as we have been monitoring new cases throughout winter recess.

We are aware that the CDC has revised the isolation and quarantine timeframes for the general public. However, schools have been advised to wait for the revised school setting guidance document from the NJ Department of Health before implementing any changes. We will let you know when changes are made in regards to isolation for positive COVID-19 cases or quarantine for close contacts. For now, the timeframe is still 10 days of isolation if your child tests positive, and 10-day quarantine for unvaccinated close contacts, or 5-7 days with a negative test.

Please keep your child home if they are experiencing any illness or COVID-like symptoms. Also, our mask requirement remains in place for anyone who enters our school buildings. In addition, we will be enforcing this mask mandate at all after-school activities and sporting events.

As a reminder, students should stay home if they are experiencing COVID-19 compatible symptoms. They are defined in NJDOH K-12 school guidance using CSTE/CDC case criteria definition as those who have:

- At least two of the following symptoms: fever (measured or subjective), chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose;

OR

- At least one of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, new taste disorder.

Quarantine Timelines to Remember:

- If a student tests positive for COVID-19, that student must complete a 10-day quarantine and have an improvement of symptoms.
- A student who is sent home by the district for COVID-19 compatible symptoms is excluded from in-person learning for 10 days. The student can return to school with a physician's note and at least 24 hours after resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications with an improvement of symptoms.
- Individuals that travel internationally who are not fully vaccinated should get tested 3-5 days after travel and stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel,

even if they test negative. If testing is not completed post-travel, individuals should self-quarantine for 10 days.

- International travelers who are fully vaccinated should also get tested 3-5 days after travel, self-monitor for symptoms, and isolate and get tested if symptoms develop.

Exposed close contacts who have no COVID-19 symptoms and are not fully vaccinated:

- Individuals should quarantine at home after exposure and should be tested 5-7 days after their last exposure or immediately if symptoms develop. If the result is negative, individuals may return on the 8th day after their last exposure or later.
- If the positive individual is a household member, the household close contact should be tested 5-7 days after the case's isolation period ends (day 15-17) and can return on day 18 with a negative test result.
- If positive, they should isolate for 10 days.

Exposed close contacts who have no COVID-19 symptoms and are fully vaccinated:

- Do not need to quarantine or be excluded from school.
- Should be tested 5-7 days following an exposure to someone with COVID-19.
- Should still monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an exposure.
- Should wear a mask in other indoor public settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.

Exposed close contacts who have no COVID-19 symptoms and have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 90 days:

- Individuals should alert their school nurse, but, do not need to quarantine or be excluded from school. They should not be tested for COVID-19, but, should still monitor for symptoms for 14 days following exposure.

**Parents should alert the school and have children learn virtually for the length of the quarantine.*

Thank you for your understanding, support and patience during this period of time.

Truly,

Daniel Gallagher, Ed.D.