

Isolation/Quarantine Procedures - Jan. 4, 2022

BTSD will follow the guidelines provided by the PA Department of Health.

Click the link for detailed information: [PA DEPT. OF HEALTH \(PA DOH\) UPDATE: 12/30/2021 Isolation and Quarantine Periods for COVID-19 for the General Population](#)

When can an individual return after testing positive for COVID?

They may return to school on the 6th day from either their onset of symptoms or their test date (whichever comes first). Day 6-10 may be completed while in school, if able to wear a mask properly at all times.

BTSD follows the Bucks County Department of Health's guidance on using Day 1 as either the first day of symptoms or the test date, whichever comes first.

This applies only if:

- The individual is free from symptoms or has resolving symptoms
- Fever free for 24 hours before returning (without medication)
- If at anytime the individual develops symptoms, they will need to complete their course of isolation at home

MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Example: An individual tests positive on 1/2/2022. Symptoms began on 1/1/2022. They may return to school on 1/6/2022 (fully masked) if they meet the guidelines listed above. They will be cleared from their isolation period on 1/11/2022.

When can an individual return to school after having an in-home 'close contact'?

- Individuals who have received their booster shot and are not having symptoms and individuals who have completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months or J & J within the last 2 months and are not yet eligible for the booster vaccination do not need to quarantine after exposure but should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure.
- Unvaccinated individuals or individuals who have not received their COVID booster should remain home for 5 days and testing is recommended 5 days after exposure (no sooner)
 - If they **do not** have symptoms, they may return on the 6th day after exposure under Modified Quarantine status:

- They are required to wear masks at all times. If a mask cannot be worn properly, they may not return to school
- They should consult their medical provider or the school nurse if symptoms develop.
- If they are having symptoms, they are not permitted to attend school until they provide proof of a negative COVID test or their symptoms have resolved and they are fever-free for 24 hours.
 - If this test is positive, the individual should follow the recommendations for individuals who test positive.

When can an individual return to school after having a one-time exposure (such as in school)?

- Individuals who are asymptomatic and were exposed to a positive non-household member may attend school properly masked
- They should consult their medical provider or the school nurse for further guidance if symptoms develop

****The school will no longer contact trace due to permitting individuals to return on day 6-10 of their isolation period.**

These guidelines will be updated periodically as information is received from the PA DOH and CDC.