



BCSD COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation Protocols **Effective January 3, 2022**

Quarantine and Isolation Protocols are Subject to Change

The following protocols were updated based on the Georgia Department of Public Health Administrative Order issued on December 28, 2021. This updated Administrative Order contains new isolation and quarantine protocols that align with the CDC guidance issued December 27, 2021. The guidelines for K-12 schools have not been updated at this time. 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 safety protocols for in-person instruction and to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. 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. 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 [COVID-19 Symptoms](#), especially if they have been around someone who is sick. If a student has symptoms of COVID-19, the student should get tested and isolate at home until test results are received, then proceed in accordance with the test results.

Isolation Protocols

A student who tests positive for COVID-19 regardless of vaccination status must:

- Isolate at home for 5 days from the date symptoms first appeared or, if asymptomatic, the date of the positive test. They should stay away from others in the household as much as possible during isolation.
- After 5 days, if the student has no symptoms or their symptoms are resolving and they have not had a fever for more than 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, they may end

isolation.

- If symptoms are not improving or fever has not resolved, the student should continue isolating until these criteria are met.
- After ending isolation, the student should continue to wear a mask around others for 5 days.

Quarantine Protocols And Contact Tracing In the Schools

As of December 29, 2021, the Georgia Department of Public Health's latest [Administrative Order](#) continues to support school districts in developing local quarantine procedures to facilitate in-person learning (page 5, number 7). BCSD will continue to utilize this flexibility in setting optional quarantine procedures for those exposed to COVID-19 at school.

- School officials will continue to contact trace and notify close contacts to request that students/staff monitor for symptoms.
- Those identified as close contacts will NOT be required to quarantine as long as they remain asymptomatic but may choose to do so for up to 5 days. Absences for students who choose to quarantine as a result of close contact exposure will be excused.
- The CDC and DPH recommend that those identified as close contacts should wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days.
- If the student develops symptoms, they should get tested and isolate at home until test results are received, then proceed in accordance with the test results.

Quarantine Protocols Outside of School

If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and you are Boosted, or have become fully vaccinated within the last 6 months (Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or within the last 2 months (J&J vaccine), you DO Not need to quarantine at home. You should wear a mask around others for 10 days. If possible, get tested on day 5.

If you develop symptoms, you should get tested and isolate at home until test results are received, then proceed in accordance with the test results.

Unvaccinated, or became fully vaccinated more than 6 months ago (Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or more than 2 months ago (J&J vaccine) and have not received a booster:

- You must quarantine at home for 5 days. After that, continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- If possible, get tested on day 5.
- If you develop symptoms, you should get tested and isolate at home until test results are received, then proceed in accordance with the test results.

BCSD Safety Protocols:

The Baldwin County School District has established health and safety measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our schools. While COVID-19 is mostly spread through droplets generated by coughing, sneezing, and talking, disinfection of environmental surfaces such as furniture and fixtures is an important component of an effective infection control program.

Baldwin County Schools will utilize products that kill Influenza, COVID-19 and other variants. These products are dispensed using a dispensing unit such as conventional sprayers, foggers and electrostatic sprayers. Custodians adhere to CDC guidelines on cleaning and using EPA approved cleaning chemicals to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Please click on the following link for the [2021-2022 BCSD Safety Protocols](#).

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