The communication below provides important information from the Public Schools of Brookline. Translated versions are available at the following links:

- **Arabic**: الرجاء الضغط هنا للترجمة العربية.
- **Chinese**: 点击这里查看中文翻译。
- **Haitian Creole**: Klike la a pou tradiksyon kreyòl ayisyen an.
- **Hebrew**: אנא לחץ כאן🥳 כדיقرת את המסמך העברי.
- **Japanese**: ここをクリックして日本語の翻訳にアクセスしてください。
- **Korean**: 한국어 번역을 보시려면 여기를 클릭하십시오.
- **Portuguese**: Clique aqui para a tradução em português.
- **Russian**: Нажмите здесь, чтобы получить доступ к русскому переводу.
- **Spanish**: Haga clic aquí para acceder a la traducción al español.
- **Vietnamese**: Nhấn vào đây để truy cập bản dịch tiếng Việt.

Public Schools of Brookline
Updated COVID-19 Protocols

**Positive COVID-19 Cases**
Please follow the current guidance.

- Stay home and isolate for 5 days from the time of symptom onset or date of positive test (whichever was first). That day is considered Day ZERO.
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house to return to school on Day 6.
  - If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications, such as Advil, Tylenol, Motrin etc.
- Continue to wear a mask (indoors and outdoors) around others for 5 additional days except when eating or drinking.
- Notify your close contacts that you have tested positive for COVID-19.

**Close Contact Guidance**

**Fully Vaccinated and Boosted Individuals**
Whether close contact occurs in or out of school, continue to be exempt from quarantine and testing at school. They may attend school as long as they remain symptom-free.

**Eligible but Not Yet Boosted Individuals**
Should quarantine for 5 days **outside of school** but may continue to attend school.

- Wear a mask around others for 10 days at all times except when eating/drinking.
• If possible, Test on day 5. [Getting tested for COVID-19](#).
• If symptoms develop, stay home and, if possible, get a PCR/Molecular.

**Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated Individuals**
• Stay home for 5 days.
• Wear a mask around others for 10 days at all times except when eating/drinking.
• If possible, Test on day 5. [Getting tested for COVID-19](#)

**Test and Stay** (For In-School Close Contacts)

The new DESE guidelines do not expand eligibility for T&S. BinaxNOW tests are still not allowed for fully vaccinated close contacts.

**Duration of Test and Stay:** 5 days from the date of last exposure

**Experiencing symptoms**

For vaccinated **and non-vaccinated individuals** who experience the COVID-19 symptoms

**Return to school post-symptoms with test**

Individuals may return to school after they:

- Have received a negative PCR or antigen test result for COVID-19. An antigen test may be self-administered and does not need to be proctored or performed by a healthcare professional.
- PSB requests that parent/guardian submit picture of test result, whether positive or negative. Staff are requested to submit picture of positive result to school nurse and HRCovid19@brooklinema.gov.
- Note: So long as the individual is not a close contact, if a medical professional makes an alternative diagnosis for the COVID-19-like symptoms, the individual may use this recommendation (e.g., for influenza or strep pharyngitis) in lieu of a PCR test or antigen test.
- Have improvement in symptoms

Have been without fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing

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