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Public Schools of Brookline
Updated COVID-19 Protocols (January 6, 2022)

[PSB is following the updated guidelines put forth by CDC, DPH and DESE.](#)

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 a 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

Close contacts are defined as individuals who have been within 6 feet of a COVID-19 positive individual while indoors, for at least 15 minutes during a 24-hour period.

Additionally, PSB is following DESE guidance, which at this time states that fully vaccinated is defined as two-weeks following the completion of the Pfizer or Moderna series or two-weeks following a single dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

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 COVID-19 symptoms, they may **return to school post-symptoms with a negative COVID-19 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 parents/guardians submit a picture of test result, whether positive or negative. Staff are requested to submit pictures of a positive result to the 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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