



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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Early Release days all week 10/25 - 10/28 : tk/kinder : 12:30 pm, 1st - 5th 1:15 pm

Halloween Parades on Thursday

NO SCHOOL on Friday

Superintendent Stephens says emergency FDA authorization for the COVID-19 vaccine is coming for kids ages 5-12 in about 2 weeks. BUSD is partnering with the city of Berkeley to get vaccination clinics up and running asap.

[Latinx Heritage Presentation](#) Washington families and teachers worked together on this awesome video, please watch and enjoy it!

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Oct 25 - 28. **ALL Students must have a parent-teacher conference in the fall.** Parent/guardians will learn about their child's progress and how to best support them this year.

During this week, all students will be released early to allow teachers to hold conferences: tk/kinder : 12:30 pm, 1st - 5th 1:15 pm. **There is no school on Friday Oct 29.** Due to strict COVID guidelines about on campus visitors, conferences will be held on Zoom. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to schedule this important meeting.

Please donate to the Washington Fund! Any amount is welcome and will directly benefit your child. You can donate [here](#).

As we conclude Latinx Heritage Month, we hope that you'll join us on Thursday October 28th at 7:00pm for a [Zoom panel entitled ¡Berkeley, Escucha, Estamos en la lucha!](#),

hosted by School Board Director Ana Vasudeo. **Berkeley, Escucha, Estamos en la**

Lucha! Uplifting Our Legacies of Resilience & Resistance

Thursday, October 28th • 7:00-8:30pm [Virtual Event on Zoom: bit.ly/3AA9bft](#)

Speakers Include:

Jesse Arreguín | Mayor of Berkeley , Dr. Angélica Garcia | Berkeley City College

Cati V. de los Ríos | UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Education , Latinx Parents and Students

In celebration of Latinx History Month, join us for a panel discussion followed by Q&A. Panelists will explore the meaning of Latinidad in our classrooms and how we can teach with Latinx student success at the forefront. We will hear testimonios from our comunidad to better understand the lived experience of Latinx educators, students, and families. In addition, we will discuss why enhancing the climate and culture in our schools not only benefits Latinx students but all students.

This event will provide an opportunity to learn more—directly from BUSD's Latinx community—what this month is meant to honor.

This event is held in partnership with Berkeley Unified School District and Latinos Unidos de Berkeley.

A medida que concluimos con el Mes de la Herencia Latinx, esperamos que usted nos acompañe el jueves 28 de octubre a las 7:00pm para un [panel Zoom titulado ¡Berkeley, Escucha, Estamos en la Lucha!](#), anfitriona, Directora del School Board Ana Vasudeo.

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Oradores:

Jesse Arreguín | Alcalde de la Ciudad Berkeley

Dr. Angélica García | Berkeley City College

Cati V. de los Ríos | Facultad de Postgrado en Educación, UC Berkeley

Padres y Estudiantes Latinx

Para celebrar el Mes de la Historia Latinx, acompáñenos a una mesa redonda seguida de PREGUNTAS Y RESPUESTAS. Los panelistas explorarán el significado de la “Latinidad” en nuestros salones de clase y cómo le podemos enseñar a los estudiantes Latinx el éxito en primera instancia. Escucharemos testimonios de nuestra comunidad para entender mejor la experiencia vivida por los educadores, estudiantes y familias Latinx. Además, conversaremos acerca de por qué el mejorar el entorno y la cultura en nuestras escuelas no sólo beneficia a los estudiantes Latinx sino a todos los estudiantes.

Este evento ofrecerá una oportunidad para aprender más -directamente de la comunidad Latinx de BUSD- lo que este mes pretende honrar.

Este evento se realiza en colaboración con Berkeley Unified School District y Latinos Unidos de Berkeley.

Indoor eating With the start of the rainy season, we’ve consulted with the health department to establish safe eating conditions indoors:

- Distancing - classes are spread out over two tables, spots to sit are marked
- Classes are separated from each other
- Lower capacity (only one grade at a time eats in the cafeteria)
- Increased ventilation (4 industrial fans) and air filtration (3 air filtration devices)
- Hand sanitation before and after eating

When the grounds are too wet to eat in the forest, we’re also using the courtyard for lunchtimes. We keep classes separate, maintain as much distance as possible and sanitize hands before and after eating.

Halloween Costume Guidelines

We encourage students to report to school in their Halloween costumes on Thursday 10/28 if your family celebrates Halloween. Students must still wear their “COVID” masks throughout the day and costumes need to be practical and comfortable so students can sit and complete classroom activities during the day. We will not allow costume masks, fake weapons, fake guns, or fake blood. Families are responsible for putting on students'

makeup before coming on campus. We also ask families to respect the cultural diversity of our students at Washington and not dress in costumes that represent other cultures. If you have kid sized costumes in very good condition to donate to families in need, please drop off at the orange gate on McKinley 8 am - 5 pm or email carolperez@berkeley.net .

Washington Halloween Parades will be held on Thursday, 10/28. This date is also an early release day due to report card conferences (tk/kinder will be released at 12:30 pm and 1st - 5th at 1:15 pm the entire week of Oct 25 - 28 - no school on 10/29).

Due to COVID restrictions that don't allow parents to come on campus, the city of Berkeley will be closing off McKinley Avenue between Bancroft and Channing so that we may conduct Halloween parades safely. Please plan to park and walk if you come to campus at this time.

Students will walk with their teacher south down McKinley on the east sidewalk and cross the street to walk back up the sidewalk on the west side of McKinley. Families are encouraged to distance themselves in the center of McKinley and enjoy the parade. Due to the tight schedule, students will return to class right after the parade. Due to COVID restrictions, we will not have food, drink or parties at the parade.

We're just happy that we can have a parade at all! If you are able to attend, can you volunteer to take photos for parents who aren't able to come? Please contact your room parent or your child's teacher.

Oct 28th Halloween Parades on McKinley Avenue by grade level:

- 8:30 am: 4th & 5th;
- 9:10 am: tk/K;
- 9:45 am: 1st;
- 10:30 am : 2nd & 3rd

School Photo Days will be held on November 1 and 2.

We need playground volunteers! It's really challenging to staff noon supervision positions; if you have any extra time available to volunteer Monday - Friday 11 am to 12:40 pm, we need you! Please sign up [here](#).

The Cal Student Store is purchasing tickets to a **Cal Football Game** and offering them for free to the students, parents, and staff members of BUSD! This game is -vs- Colorado on Saturday October 23 at 12:30 pm with ticket pickup and other related events starting at 9am on game day. RSVP and more information can be found at thecalstudentstore.com.

Friday Coffee Hour! Your Washington PTA provides delicious free coffee every Friday morning on McKinley between the barriers from 8:15 - 9:15 am ish. Come and celebrate Fridays!

Campus opens at 8 am Please do not drop your child off prior to this time unless they are enrolled in the [BEARS](#) before school program. Thank you!

Calendar Reminders:

- ★ Oct 25 - 28: Shortened days for Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Release
tk/kinder : 12:30 pm, 1st - 5th 1:15 pm

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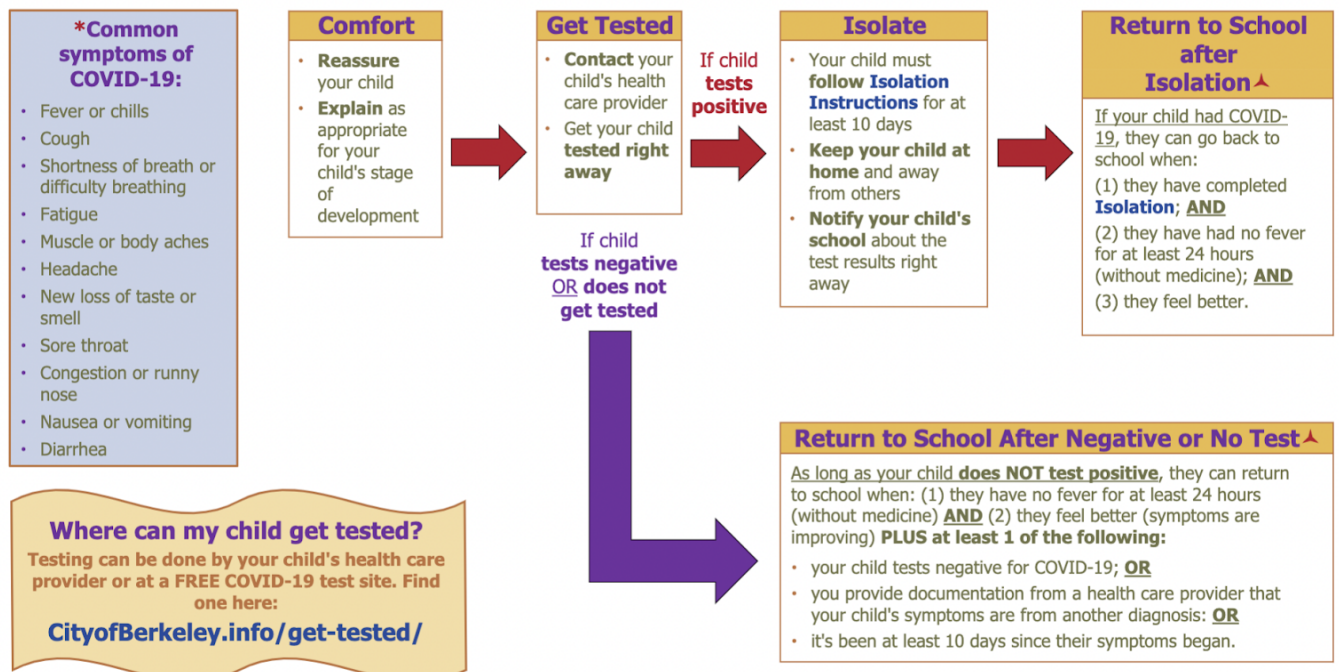
★ Oct 29: **NO SCHOOL** Parent/Teacher Conferences

★ Nov 1 & 2: School Photo Days

If your child is absent for any reason, please email washingtonattendance@berkeley.net and copy your child's teacher. Thank you!

Questions or concerns? Please email Principal Katia Hazen at katiahazen@berkeley.net

What do I do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms* with no known exposure?
(applies to **VACCINATED** and **UNVACCINATED** children)



Scenario 1: Has Symptoms, Revised 8.13.21

▲ Check school/program policy before sending your child back.

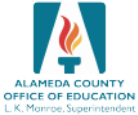
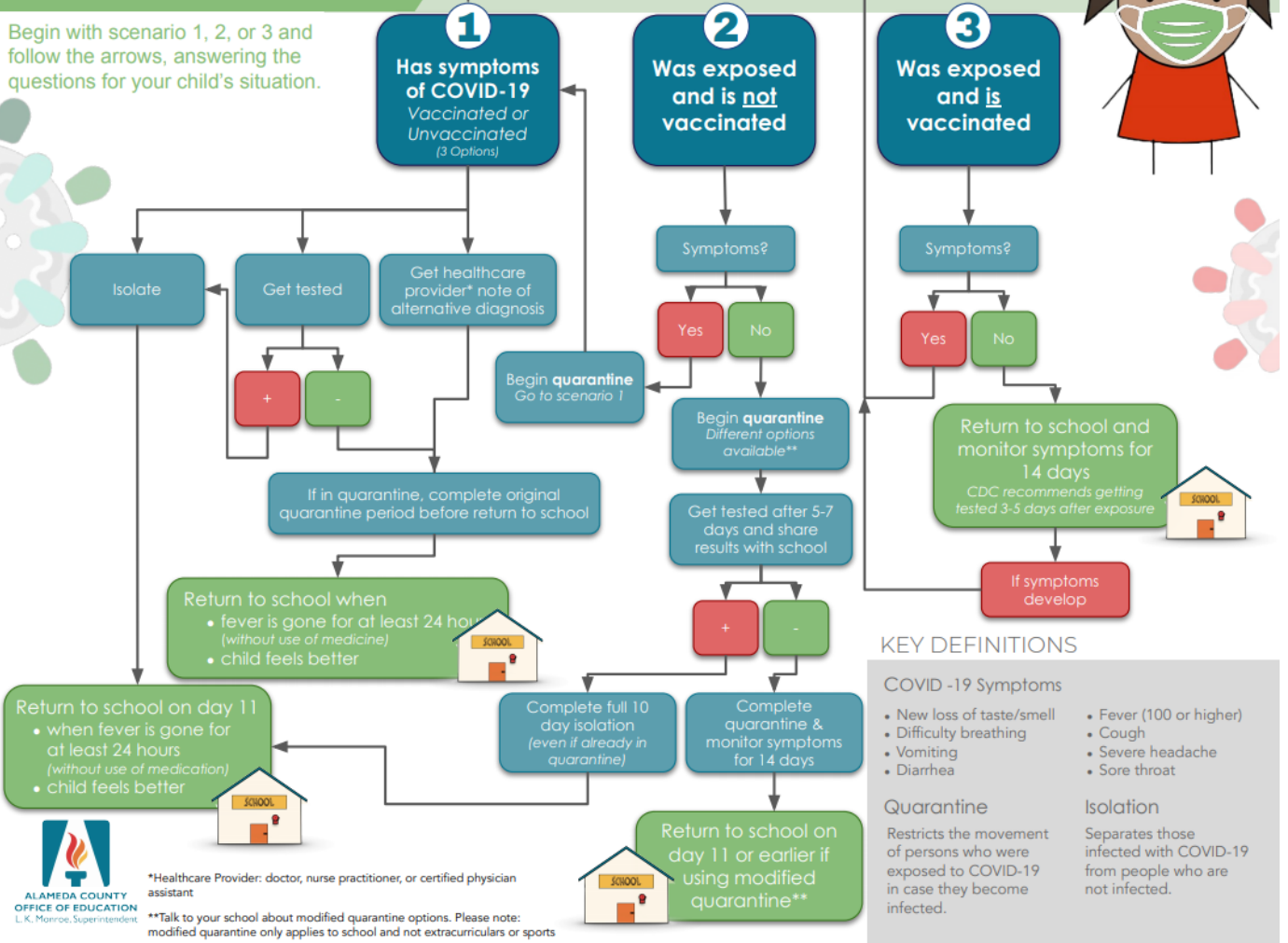
COVID-19 Flowchart for Parents

Updated 8/5/21

MY CHILD...



Begin with scenario 1, 2, or 3 and follow the arrows, answering the questions for your child's situation.



*Healthcare Provider: doctor, nurse practitioner, or certified physician assistant

**Talk to your school about modified quarantine options. Please note: modified quarantine only applies to school and not extracurriculars or sports

How long to keep away from others (quarantine)

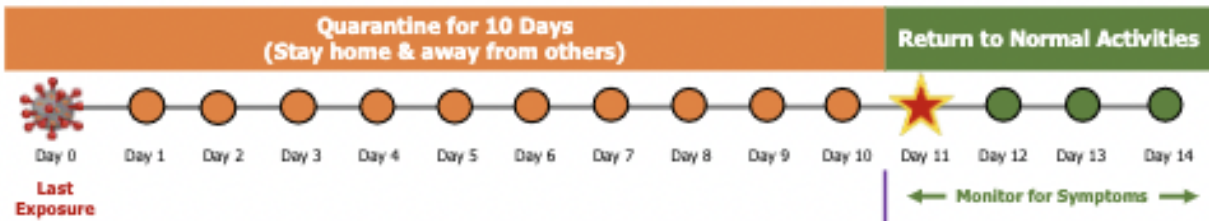
If you've had contact with someone with COVID-19

Applies to City of Berkeley Child Care, School & Youth Programs (9.17.21)

 Indicates first day released from quarantine

10-Day At-Home (Standard) Quarantine

Who's eligible?
~ Children & adults
~ Must be UNVACCINATED & ASYMPTOMATIC

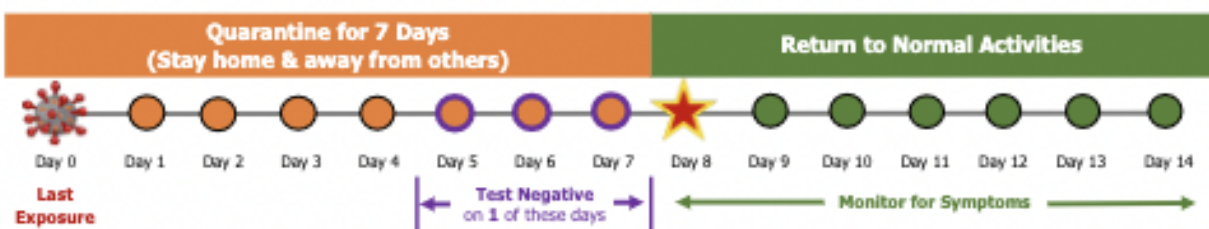


REQUIREMENTS:

~ Students who develop COVID-19 symptoms or test positive during quarantine must isolate **immediately**

7-Day⁺ At-Home (Shortened) Quarantine

Who's eligible?
~ Children & adults
~ Must be UNVACCINATED & ASYMPTOMATIC



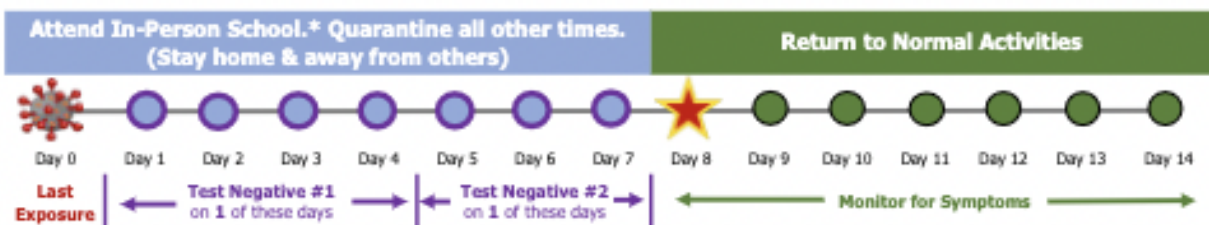
REQUIREMENTS:

- ~ Test negative on or after Day 5 required to release from quarantine as early as Day 8
- ~ Students/staff who do not meet the testing timeline must switch to 10-day (Standard) Quarantine
- ~ Students/staff who learn of an exposure belatedly should calculate quarantine from their exposure date and meet test requirements from that point forward
- ~ Students/staff who develop COVID-19 symptoms or test positive during quarantine must isolate **immediately**

*If test results are not received by the quarantine release date (Day 8), the student/staff should remain in quarantine until the negative test result is received or Day 11, whichever comes first.

7-Day⁺ In-School (Modified) Quarantine

Who's eligible?
~ Students - for exposures in supervised TK-12 school settings
~ Must be UNVACCINATED & ASYMPTOMATIC
~ Close contact & positive case both masked during exposure



REQUIREMENTS:

- ~ Test as soon as possible after learning about the exposure.
- ~ Test negative on or after Day 5 required to release from quarantine as early as Day 8.
- ~ Students who do not meet the testing timeline must stop attending in-person class & switch to 10-day (Standard) Quarantine
- ~ Students who learn of an exposure belatedly should calculate quarantine from their exposure date and meet test requirements from that point forward
- ~ Students who develop COVID-19 symptoms or test positive during quarantine must isolate **immediately**

*Students in Modified Quarantine may attend before- & after-school programs located on their own school campuses. No sports. No high-risk activities (e.g., wind instruments, choir). No participation in any other extracurricular or community activities. Stay home & away from others.

*If test results are not received by the quarantine release date (Day 8), the student should remain in quarantine until the negative test result is received or Day 11, whichever comes first.