



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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PTA General Meeting on Thursday 11/18, 6 - 7 pm via Zoom link here: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Principal Hazen will answer questions related to the children's vaccine. [Submit your questions in advance here.](#)

Handicapped parking spots are only for disabled placard holders. Please do not use these as a place to drop off children or wait for them. Washington parents need these spots!

Please send a jacket to school with your child, as we are outside whenever possible! Label it with their name and it will likely be returned if it's left on the playground!

If your child needs warm jacket or new shoes: The Berkeley Lions club has generously donated over 20 brand new warm jackets and hoodies for Washington, and also backpacks. They also will donate to our school emergency fund to purchase new shoes for students that need them. Please contact Carol Perez at carolynperez@berkeley.net or 510-849-7396.

Volunteers are needed to go through the lost and found and return labelled jackets to kids. Several times a year, the lost and found is cleared out and donated. Please contact Carol Perez at carolynperez@berkeley.net or 510-849-7396 if you can help out.

Vaccines are FREE and available for everyone 5 and older, regardless of insurance or immigration status.

Families who have a medical home can sign up for vaccines from their primary healthcare provider (such as [Berkeley Pediatrics](#), [East Bay Pediatrics](#), [Kaiser](#), [Sutter](#), and [Kiwi Pediatrics](#)). Vaccines are also available at many local pharmacies, including [CVS](#), [Walgreens](#) and [Safeway](#).

Visit [Myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) or www.Vaccines.gov to find walk-in clinics or to make appointments at many other clinics offering these services across the area. To find a vaccine site in Alameda County visit <https://covid19.acgov.org/vaccines#availability>

Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare Vaccines:

[https://stanfordhealthcare.org/discover/covid-19-](https://stanfordhealthcare.org/discover/covid-19-resource-center/patient-care/safety-health-vaccine-planning.html)

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Please also continue to check the [City of Berkeley vaccination webpage](#) for additional opportunities.

Dear Washington Families,

The holiday season is just a few weeks away. This is a time many (especially children) look forward to for sharing good food and gifts with their loved ones. However, it can be

an exceptionally difficult time of year for families that have few resources, particularly during this pandemic.

A week away from school for some students means five days without free breakfast and lunch (about \$50 worth of food).

The Berkeley Public Schools Fund and the Office of Family Engagement and Equity are working together to fundraise for Holiday Gift Cards for families in need in our BUSD community. Please join us in helping Washington families this holiday season!

To make a tax deductible donation to help families and students for the holidays, just click [here](#) and select **Holiday Gift Cards** as the program and complete the rest of the form.

If your family is struggling to make ends meet and in need of support, please contact Washington's Family Engagement and Equity Specialist, Carol Perez, at 510-849-7396 or carolynperez@berkeley.net Thank you!

Queridas familias

La temporada de vacaciones está a solo unas semanas. Este es un momento que muchos (especialmente los niños) esperan con ansias para compartir buena comida y regalos con sus seres queridos. Sin embargo, puede ser una época del año excepcionalmente difícil para las familias que tienen pocos recursos, especialmente durante esta pandemia.

Una semana fuera de la escuela para algunos estudiantes significa cinco días sin desayuno y almuerzo gratis (alrededor de \$50 en comida).

El Fondo de las Escuelas Públicas de Berkeley y la Oficina de Participación Familiar y Equidad están trabajando juntos para recaudar fondos para comprar tarjetas de regalo para familias necesitadas en nuestra comunidad BUSD. ¡Únase a nosotros para ayudar a las familias de Washington en esta temporada de vacaciones!

Para hacer una donación deducible de impuestos para ayudar a familias y estudiantes durante las vacaciones, simplemente haga clic [aquí](#) y seleccione **Holiday Gift Cards** como programa y complete el resto del formulario.

Si su familia tiene dificultades y necesita ayuda, comuníquese con Carol Perez, especialista en equidad y participación familiar de Washington, al 510-849-7396 o carolynperez@berkeley.net. Gracias!

Washington's [Renaming Webpage](#) is now live! You can visit this for updates and information about the Washington renaming process. More information will be coming soon about how you can participate in the renaming process.

Below are upcoming Webinars and Town-Halls concerning Vaccines:

5. Talking about COVID-19 Vaccination and Fertility & Pregnancy

Speakers: Dr. LaTanya Hines and Dr. Michael Policar, OB-GYNs

When: Thursday, **November 18** from 12:30 – 1:30 PM

Register [here](#)

6. Washington PTA General Meeting: ~~a local healthcare provider~~ Principal Hazen will answer questions about the COVID vaccine for children. [Submit your questions in advance here.](#)

When: Thursday, November 18 from 6 - 7 pm.

Zoom link here: [Join Zoom Meeting](#) ID: 81201231603 Passcode: G3F8SxEp

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

Testing at Berkeley Adult School (BAS) for Symptomatic Students

BUSD is now operating a COVID-19 testing kiosk that will be open on Monday-Friday from 2:00 – 4:30 in the back parking lot of the Berkeley Adult School. This kiosk is open to BUSD students and staff who are concerned about having a COVID symptom and want to be tested with a free, supervised PCR test. No appointment is necessary. If you haven't already done so, please complete this [Primary Health registration form](#) so your student can be tested at school, if necessary, and at the Berkeley Adult School. This registration is only required for the first time someone tests.

If your student has COVID-19 symptoms, please do not bring them to their school to test. Your student may return to school with a negative PCR test (from the Berkeley Adult School testing site or from other outside testing) **and** when symptoms have improved **and** when they have not had a fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine. Most PCR test results are available within 48-72 hours.

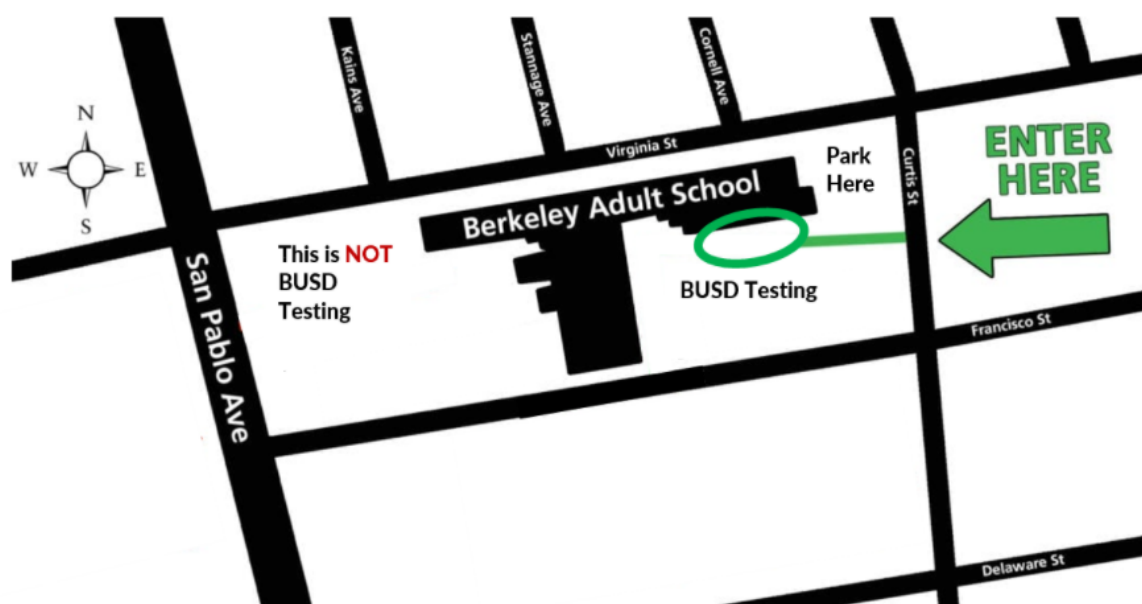
Days: Monday through Friday

Time: 2:00-4:30

Location: At the back parking lot of Berkeley Adult School, found on Curtis St. between Virginia and Francisco St.

Special Directions: Please park in the top parking lot, go to the testing table to be tested, and then exit through the Curtis St. entrance/exit again when you leave.

Note: Curative testing is being offered at the front parking lot of the Adult School. This is **not BUSD testing** and is not walkup testing.



Pruebas en Berkeley Adult School (BAS) para Estudiantes y Personal Sintomático

BUSD está ahora operando un quiosco de pruebas COVID-19 el cual estará abierto de lunes a viernes de 2:00 a 4:30 en el estacionamiento de la parte posterior de Berkeley Adult School. Este quiosco está abierto a los estudiantes y al personal de BUSD que estén

preocupados por tener un síntoma de COVID y quieran hacerse la prueba PCR gratuita y supervisada. No se necesita cita. Si usted aún no lo ha hecho, por favor complete este formulario [Primary Health registration form](#) de manera que su estudiante pueda recibir la prueba en la escuela. Esta inscripción es únicamente necesaria para la primera prueba de Primary Health.

Si su estudiante tiene síntomas de COVID-19, por favor no lo traiga a su escuela para hacer la prueba. Su estudiante puede regresar a la escuela con una prueba PCR negativa (del centro de pruebas BAS o de otras pruebas externas) **y** cuando los síntomas hayan mejorado **y** cuando no hayan tenido fiebre durante 24 horas sin el uso de medicamentos para reducir la fiebre. La mayoría de los resultados de la prueba PCR están disponibles en 48-72 horas.

Días: De lunes a viernes

Horario: 2:00-4:30

Ubicación: En el estacionamiento de la parte posterior de Berkeley Adult School, ubicado en Curtis St. entre Virginia y Francisco St. \

Instrucciones Especiales: Por favor, use el estacionamiento superior, diríjase a la mesa de pruebas para someterse a su prueba y, al salir, hágalo por la entrada/salida ubicada en Curtis St.

Aviso: Las pruebas Curative se ofrecen en el estacionamiento que se encuentra al frente de la Adult School. Estas no son **pruebas patrocinadas por BUSD** y no puede llegar sin previa cita.

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](#).



COVID-19 HOLIDAY TRAVEL GUIDANCE

As families make holiday travel plans, please be aware of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance for travelers and plan accordingly in order to keep our school environments healthy and safe.



International TRAVEL

	Not Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated
Get tested 1-3 days before traveling out of the US	✓	
Mandatory test required before flying to US	✓	✓
Get tested 3-5 days after travel	✓	✓
Self-quarantine after travel for 7 days with a negative test or 10 days without test	✓	
Self-monitor for symptoms	✓	✓
Wear a mask and take other precautions during travel	✓	✓

Make sure you understand and follow all airline and destination requirements related to travel, mask wearing, testing, or quarantine, which may differ from U.S. requirements. If you do not follow your destination's requirements, you may be denied entry and required to return to the United States.



Domestic TRAVEL

	Not Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated
Get tested 1-3 days before travel	✓	
Get tested 3-5 days after travel and self-quarantine for 7 days. Self-quarantine for 10 days if you don't get tested.	✓	
Self-monitor for symptoms	✓	✓
Wear a mask and take other precautions during travel	✓	✓



Information sourced from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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:

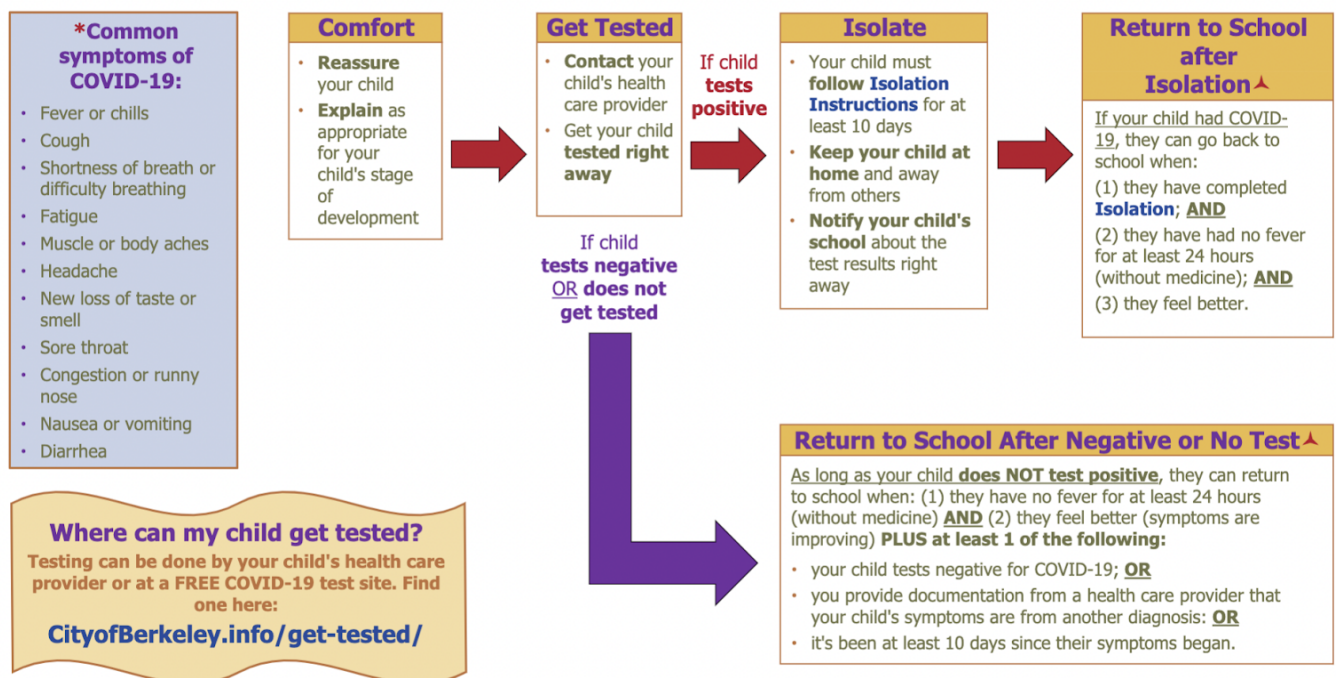
- ★ Nov 18 PTA General Meeting 6 - 8 pm [Join Zoom Meeting](#) ID: 81201231603 Passcode: G3F8SxEp
- ★ Nov 19 Lockdown Drill 2 pm

- ★ Nov 22 - 26 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
- ★ Dec 14 EQ/Fire Drill 10:40 am
- ★ Dec 16 Berkeley High Jazz Band visit!

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)



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

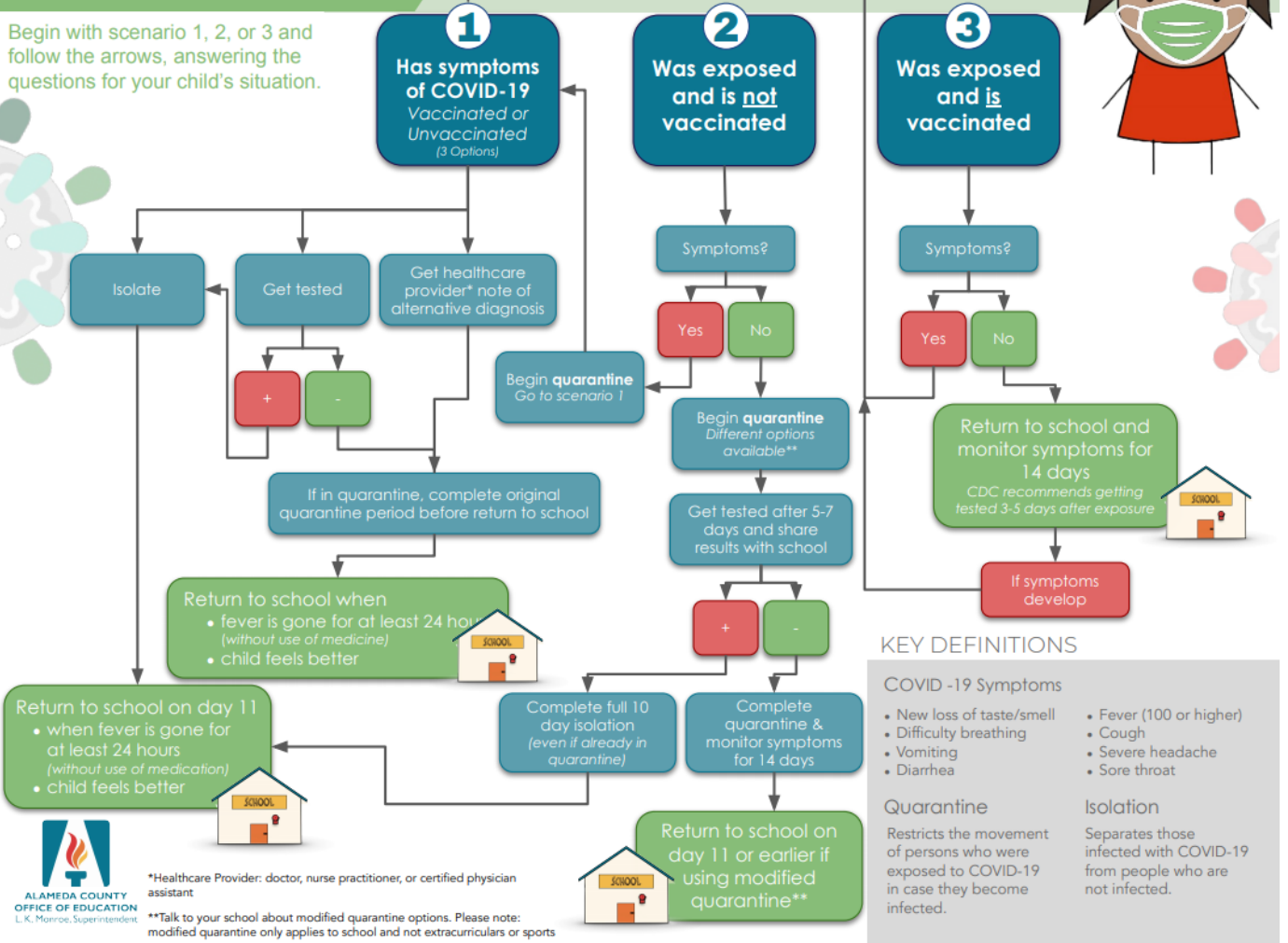
COVID-19 Flowchart for Parents

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.



KEY DEFINITIONS

COVID -19 Symptoms

- New loss of taste/smell
- Difficulty breathing
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fever (100 or higher)
- Cough
- Severe headache
- Sore throat

Quarantine

Restricts the movement of persons who were exposed to COVID-19 in case they become infected.

Isolation

Separates those infected with COVID-19 from people who are not infected.



*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)

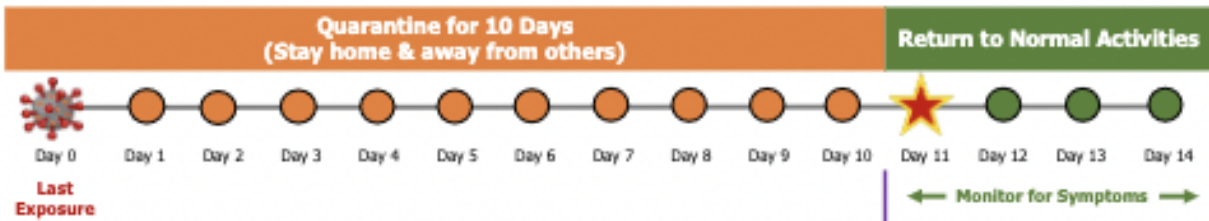
If you've had contact with someone with COVID-19

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

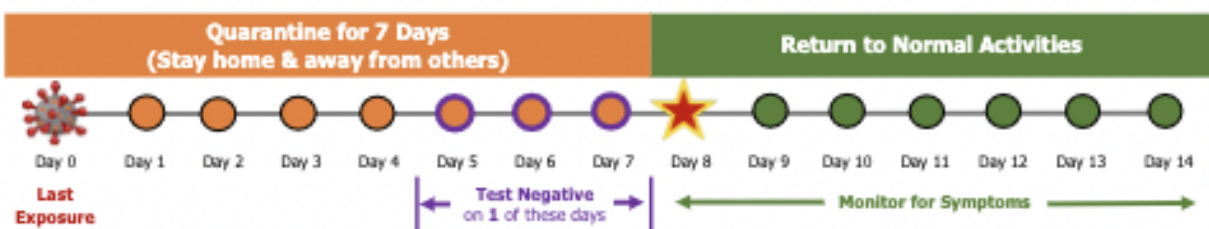


REQUIREMENTS:

~ 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



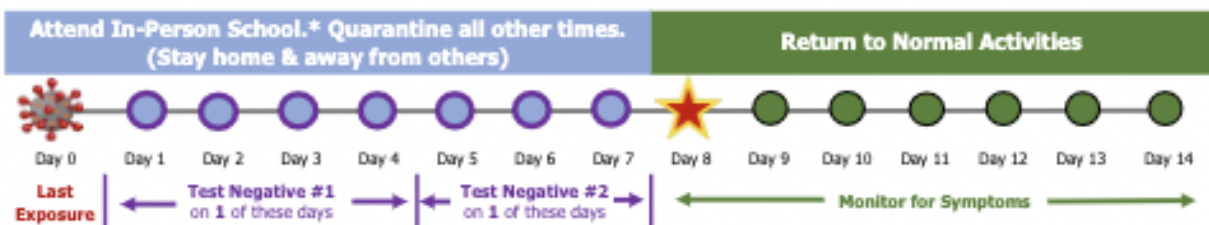
REQUIREMENTS:

- ~ 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.