



# Rhino Roar

*News for the Washington community*

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Washington bids a fond farewell to Ms. Nikki as she leaves the cafeteria after many years for new challenges. Thank you for all the good work you have done for children and families!

Vaccine update: The City of Berkeley is reporting that roughly half of residents ages 5-11 have already received their first dose of the COVID 19 vaccine!

**Walkathon is Dec. 2!** This is a major fundraiser for the school, please be as generous as possible. We would like to get to 100% of families donating whatever amount you can. To donate, please go to <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/washington225>, look for your student and click on **Donate**, or return the pledge envelope to school.

Please make sure to **send a water bottle to school with your child**, labelled with their name!

The [School Name Suggestion Form](#) is open and available for anyone who would like to suggest a new name for the school. The form will be open until midnight on Wednesday, December 1. A paper form is also coming home today, please return it to school.

The name can represent a person, group, place, thing, value or idea. Please include an explanation of who or what the name represents, and why the name is a good choice for the school.

For further information, please see [www.washington.berkeleypta.org/renaming](http://www.washington.berkeleypta.org/renaming)

The holidays can be stressful and sometimes parents need some help! The **WARM LINE PARENT COACHING from BANANAS is here to help!**

**Feeling stressed and need some parent coaching?** Every parent could use some perspective and advice at times. Children do not come with instructions and raising them can be a curious and challenging experience. BANANAS understands this and wants to help you get support through our FREE Warm Line Parent Coaching program. You can meet with a parenting expert in person or by phone for up to four FREE consultation sessions. For more information contact [warmline@bananasbunch.org](mailto:warmline@bananasbunch.org)

or (510) 658-7353 x107

A veces los padres se pueden sentir abrumados. Los niños no viene con instrucciones y a menudo tienen comportamientos desafiantes. Ser adulto y manejar el estrés de la vida ya es bastante difícil. Ser padre puede elevar ese estrés a un nuevo nivel. BANANAS entiende esto y quiere ayudarle a obtener el apoyo que necesita para manejar estos desafíos parentales. Estamos introduciendo el FREE Warm Line Parent Coaching program. Puede

reunirse con un experto en crianza en persona o por teléfono para una consulta gratuita. Nuestros expertos en crianza escucharán sus inquietudes, observarán a usted y a su hijo/a y le darán consejos y referencias para otro servicio que continuará apoyándolo. NO esta solo! Llámenos para analizar cómo puede beneficiarse de este gran programa. Para los padres con niños de cerro a cinco años. Viviendo en Northern Alameda County. Para más información comuníquese con Angie al (510) 658-7353 ext. 209, o [angie@bananasbunch.org](mailto:angie@bananasbunch.org).

A **Facilities Subcommittee** is being formed to work on the long term needs of the Washington campus. We will work with staff to create wish list and generate district support for our needs, including next year's long delayed cafeteria remodel. If you'd like to be a part of this group, please email Principal Hazen [katiahazen@berkeley.net](mailto:katiahazen@berkeley.net) You don't need any particular expertise, but folks from the building trades are always welcome!

The **lost and found** will be cleared out at the end of the week. Please take the opportunity to make a final check for jackets. If you can put your child's name on their jacket, a volunteer will take it to their classroom.

### **Middle School Enrollment Policy Survey**

The Berkeley Unified School District is reviewing its middle school enrollment policy and how students are assigned to each middle school. Your voice is important in this process. Please take an anonymous, 5-minute survey to provide feedback that will help guide our next steps in the middle school enrollment policy review process. The survey starts with a quick introduction to the different assignment policy alternatives being considered, including draft maps that show how students might be assigned to each middle school under each alternative. You will be able to ask questions and provide feedback about all the alternatives. There is also a place for you to suggest new alternatives that could help the district maintain diverse, integrated middle schools. Please note that the survey will close on Friday, November 19th at 6:00pm.

[Take the survey in English](#)

[Take the survey in Spanish](#)

The policy review is expected to be finished by November 2022. At that time, the Board of Education may decide to either keep the current policy in place, or change the way students are assigned to each middle school. Any changes to the assignment policy would begin in the 2023-2024 school year. (This year's fourth graders will be entering middle school in the 2023-2024 school year.)

*In Spanish:*

### **Encuesta para las Familias en TK, Escuela Primaria y Escuela Secundaria**

¿Tiene usted un estudiante en TK, en la Escuela Primaria o Secundaria?

El Distrito Escolar Unificado de Berkeley está revisando su política de inscripción en las escuelas secundarias y cómo se asignan los estudiantes a cada escuela secundaria. Su opinión es importante en este proceso. Por favor, responda a una encuesta anónima de 5 minutos para ofrecer sus comentarios los cuales ayudarán a guiar nuestros próximos pasos en el proceso de revisión de la política de inscripción para la escuela secundaria. La encuesta comienza con una introducción rápida a las diferentes alternativas de políticas de asignación que se están considerando, incluidos los mapas preliminares que muestran cómo se podría asignar a los estudiantes a cada escuela secundaria en cada alternativa.

Podrá hacer preguntas y proporcionar comentarios sobre todas las alternativas. También hay un lugar para que sugiera nuevas alternativas que podrían ayudar al distrito a mantener escuelas secundarias diversas e integradas. Tenga en cuenta que la encuesta se cerrará el viernes 19 de noviembre a las 6:00 p. m.

[Completar la encuesta en inglés](#)

[Completar la encuesta en español](#)

Se espera que la revisión de la política esté terminada para noviembre de 2022. En ese momento, la Junta de Educación puede decidir mantener la política actual o cambiar la forma en que los estudiantes son asignados a cada escuela secundaria. Cualquier cambio en la política de asignación comenzaría en el año escolar 2023-2024. (Los estudiantes de cuarto grado de este año ingresarán a la escuela secundaria en el año escolar 2023-2024).

**Holiday shopping can support Washington!** Anyone doing holiday cards this year can get a discount through Minted.com. Use the code FUNDRAISEWAES at the check out to receive a 20% discount and Minted will make a 15% donation to the Washington PTA! This discount is not just through the holidays but all year on any other items on Minted.com you may be interested in.

Also, Sports Basement Berkeley will hold a shopping discount week for Washington Families. From December 6-10, Washington families can shop at Sports Basement in Berkeley and receive a discount on all items and Sports Basement will donate a percentage to the PTA if you mention Washington PTA at checkout.

**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](https://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-resource-center/patient-care/safety-health-vaccine-planning.html>

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](mailto:carolynperez@berkeley.net) Thank you!

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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](mailto:carolynperez@berkeley.net). Gracias!

If you plan to travel or gather with others over Thanksgiving break, it is recommended that you test your child(ren) for COVID on Sunday, November 28 prior to their return to school.

### **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.

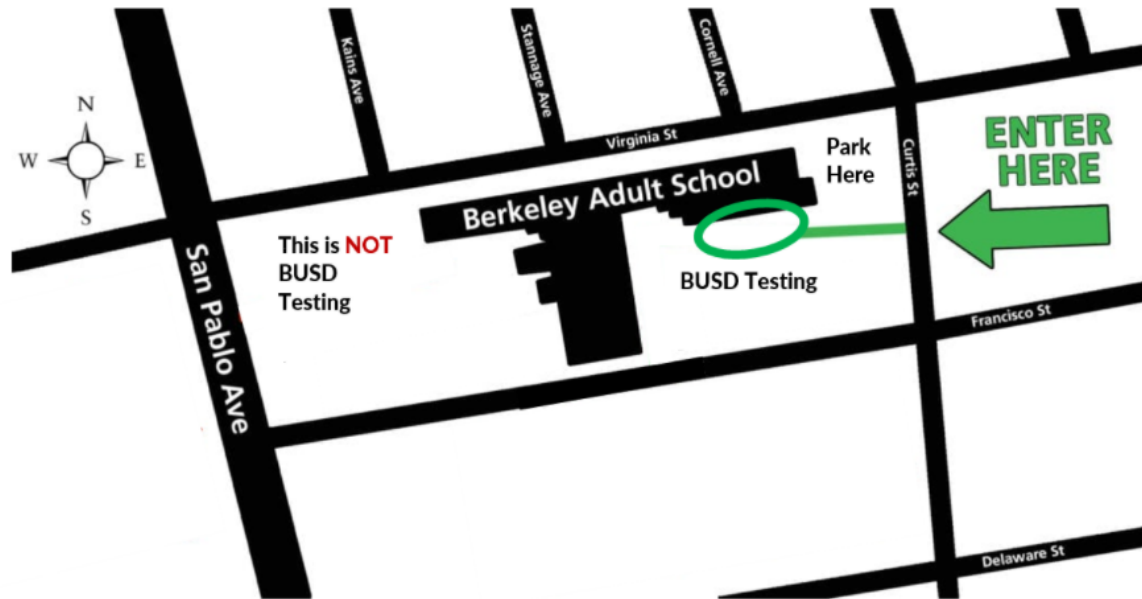
**Days:** Monday through Friday

**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, dirijase 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	✓	✓

**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!

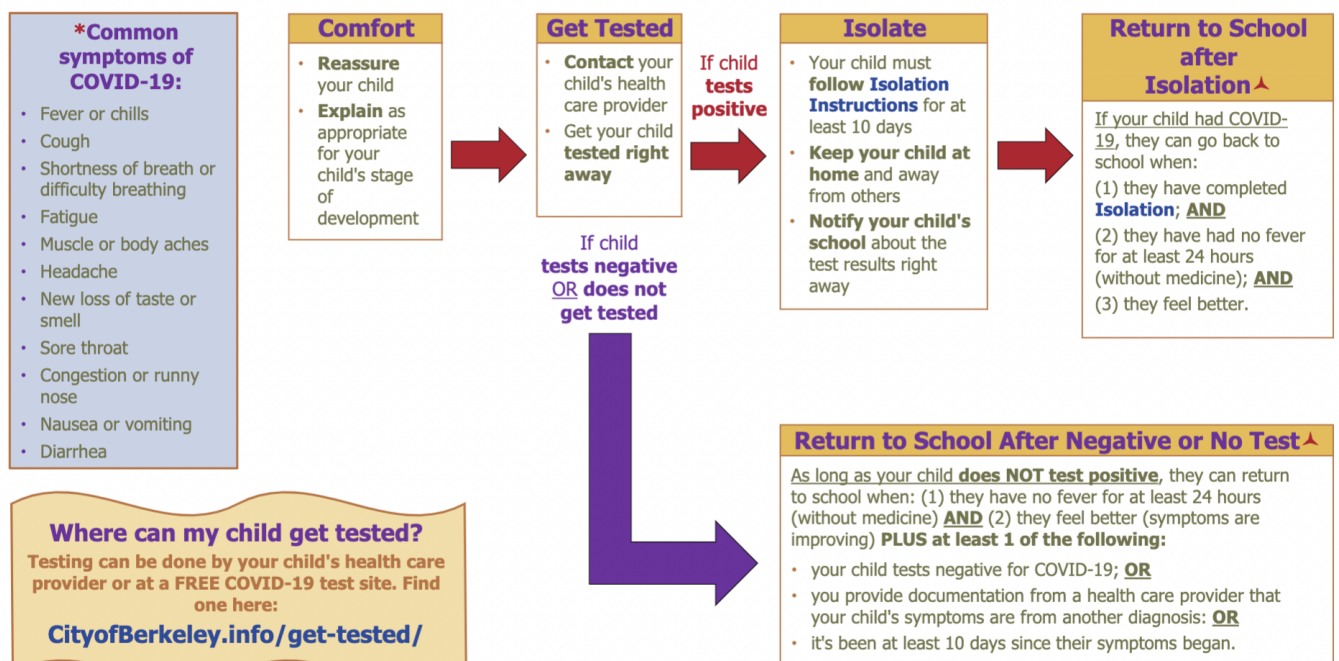
Calendar Reminders:

- ★ Nov 19 Lockdown Drill 2 pm
- ★ Nov 22 - 26 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
- ★ Dec. 2 Walkathon
  - Tk & Kindergarten: 8:15 - 8:45 am
  - 2nd grade: 8:45 - 9:15 am
  - 1st grade: 9:40 - 10:10 am
  - 3rd grade: 10:25 - 10:55 am
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade: 10:55-11:25 am
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade: 11:30 - 12:00 pm
- ★ Dec 7 English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC) 6 - 7 pm
- ★ Dec 14 EQ/Fire Drill 10:40 am

**If your child is absent for any reason**, please email [washingtonattendance@berkeley.net](mailto:washingtonattendance@berkeley.net) and copy your child's teacher. Thank you!

Questions or concerns? Please email Principal Katia Hazen at [katiahazen@berkeley.net](mailto:katiahazen@berkeley.net)

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



**Where can my child get tested?**  
Testing can be done by your child's health care provider or at a **FREE COVID-19 test site**. Find one here:  
[CityofBerkeley.info/get-tested/](http://CityofBerkeley.info/get-tested/)

Scenario 1: Has Symptoms, Revised 8.13.21

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

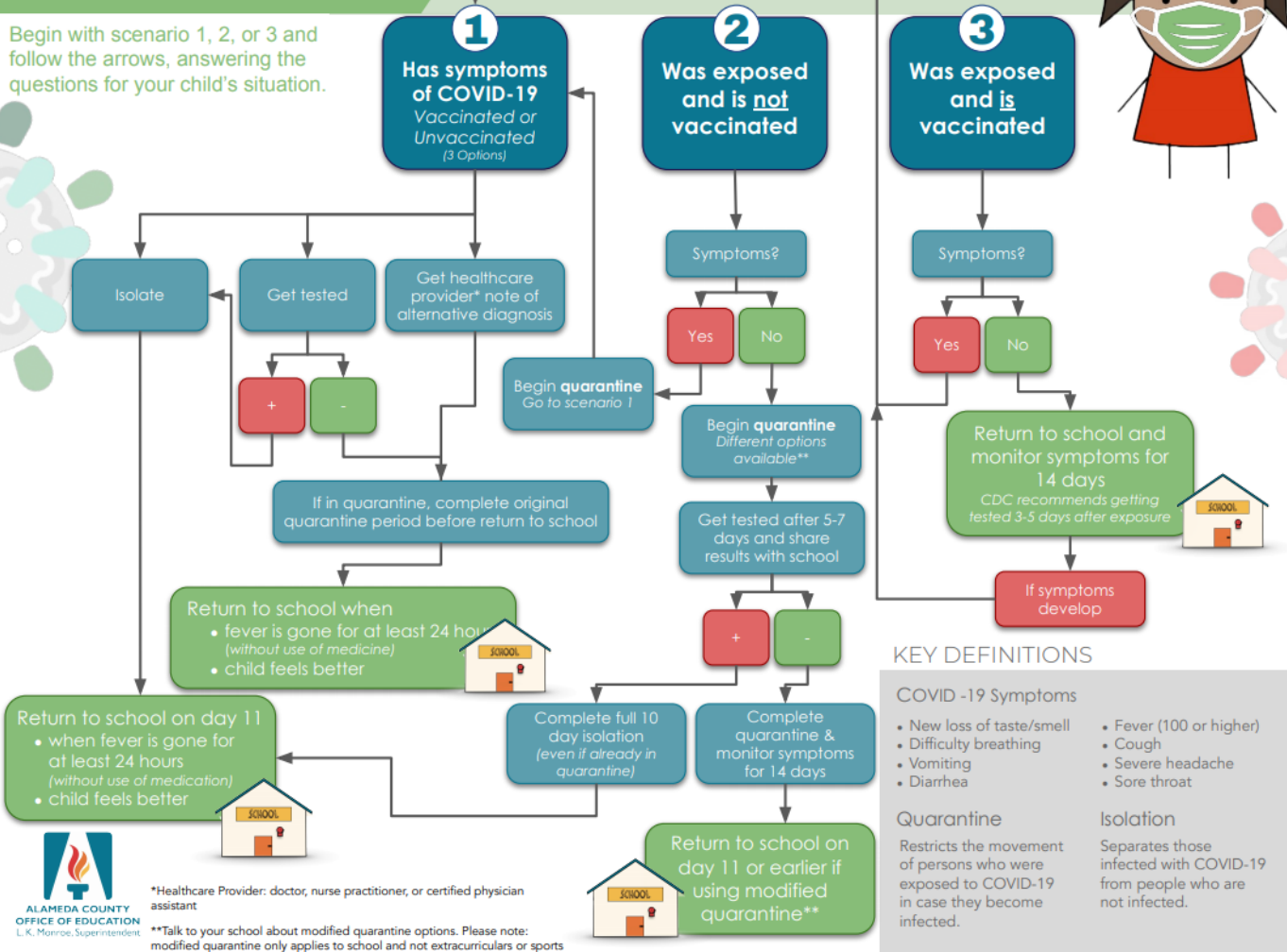
# COVID-19 Flowchart for Parents

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.



### KEY DEFINITIONS

#### COVID -19 Symptoms

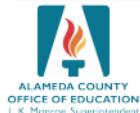
- New loss of taste/smell
- Difficulty breathing
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fever (100 or higher)
- Cough
- Severe headache
- Sore throat

#### 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

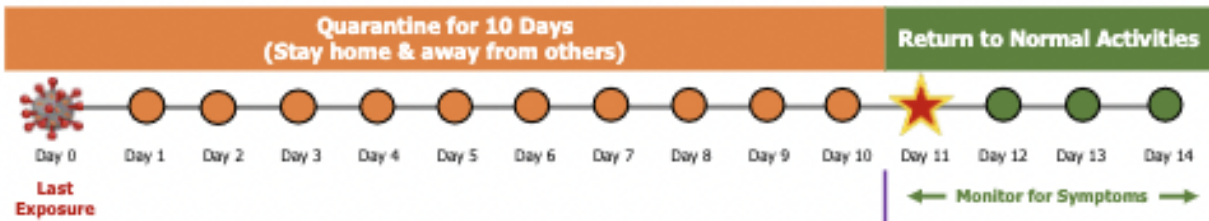
Applies to City of Berkeley Child Care, School & Youth Programs (9.17.21)

 Indicates first day released from quarantine

## 10-Day At-Home (Standard) Quarantine

Who's eligible?

- ~ Children & adults
- ~ Must be UNVACCINATED & ASYMPTOMATIC



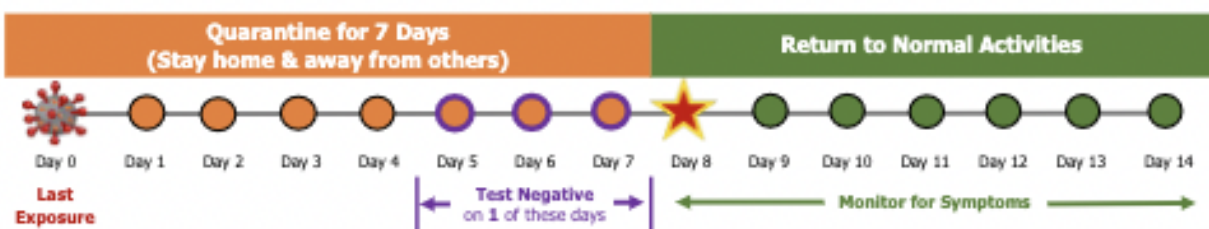
### REQUIREMENTS:

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

## 7-Day<sup>+</sup> At-Home (Shortened) Quarantine

Who's eligible?

- ~ Children & adults
- ~ Must be UNVACCINATED & ASYMPTOMATIC



### REQUIREMENTS:

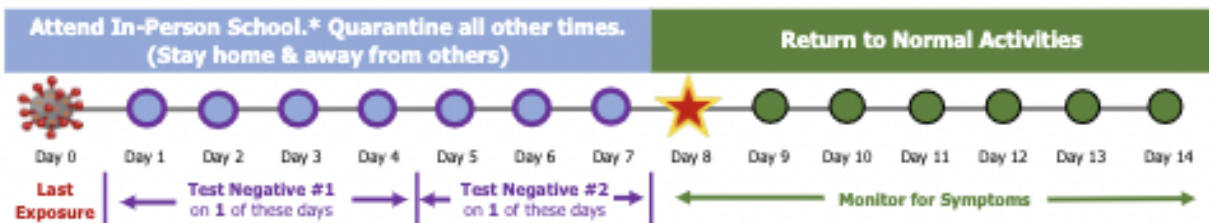
- ~ Test negative on or after Day 5 required to release from quarantine as early as Day 8
- ~ Students/staff who do not meet the testing timeline must switch to 10-day (Standard) Quarantine
- ~ Students/staff who learn of an exposure belatedly should calculate quarantine from their exposure date and 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<sup>+</sup> 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.