



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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Moments of grace from this week:

5th graders hilariously dressed up as “historical” book characters (like, from the 90s), soberly answering questions in character as they are interviewed by a classmate.

3rd graders proclaiming “Bread is Life!”

Kindergarteners helping each other after a fall with such tenderness.

These notes of joy and normalcy are so precious. They make all the hard work worth it!

COVID Update: It’s been quite a week! Despite the number of cases, **we’re not seeing evidence of transmission happening at school**, which is great. We are maintaining vigilance and hoping for no rain! Thank you for all of your support!

Reminders:

- Students coming back to school after having had COVID-19 symptoms will need to receive a negative result on a proctored test, have improving symptoms, and be free of fever (without the use of fever-reducing medication) during the 24-hours prior to their return.
- Email vax@berkeley.net to register your child’s vaccination status.
- Vaccination at Berkeley Community College, will take place on Tuesday, January 11 and Tuesday, January 18, running from 11:00 am to 6:30 pm. Register here : <https://crbn.app.link/covidvax-berkeley-community-college>
- Please bear with us as the system for COVID case notification undergoes a significant surge. We’re focusing on keeping kids safe first.

Middle School Registration is open! 5th grade Families, you must completely re-register and choose a middle school. [Learn all about it here.](#)

Middle School Information Nights

School	Date & Time	Zoom Link	Phone for Details
Willard	January 5 at 7pm	Join Zoom Event	510-644-6330
Longfellow*	January 12 at 7pm	Join Zoom Event	510-644-6360
King	January 19 at 7pm	Join Zoom Event	510-644-6280

Kindergarten Registration is open! Everyone who has a child in Transitional Kindergarten needs to re-register them for Kindergarten.

Informational Zoom Nights: Zoom nights for the 22-23 school year will be occurring throughout the month. [Click here for details & zoom links.](#) Because in-person school tours are not being held due to Covid, each Elementary School is giving a Kindergarten Information Night via Zoom. Please click on the link above for the BUSD Kindergarten Information Night Details and Zoom Links.

All Kindergarten Registration will be held online via email. You can access important registration information [here](#). There are quite a few documents that need to be gathered and submitted altogether in one email to the District, so start now!

To enroll, families must submit their preference form and required documents via email to admissions@berkeley.net between January 3 and February 4, 2022.

Calendar Reminders:

- ★ Jan 12 Fire Drill 1 pm
- ★ Jan 12 Transitional Kindergarten Information Night 7 pm on Zoom
- ★ Jan 13 Washington Kindergarten Information Night 7 pm on Zoom
- ★ Jan 17 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr Holiday
- ★ Jan 20 School Site Committee (SSC) Meeting 6 pm
- ★ Jan 31 NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day
- ★ Feb 4 End of second grading period


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

How long to keep away from others (quarantine)

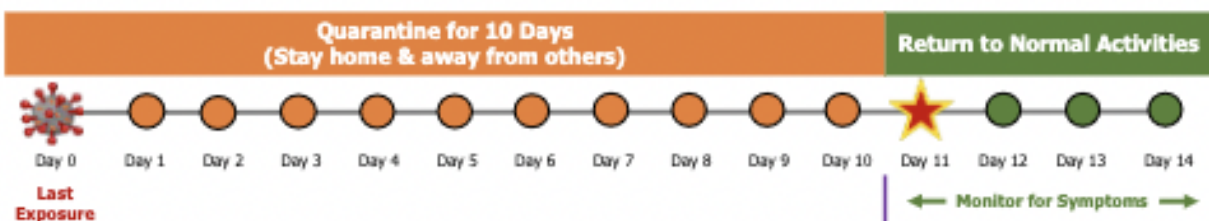
If you've had contact with someone with COVID-19

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



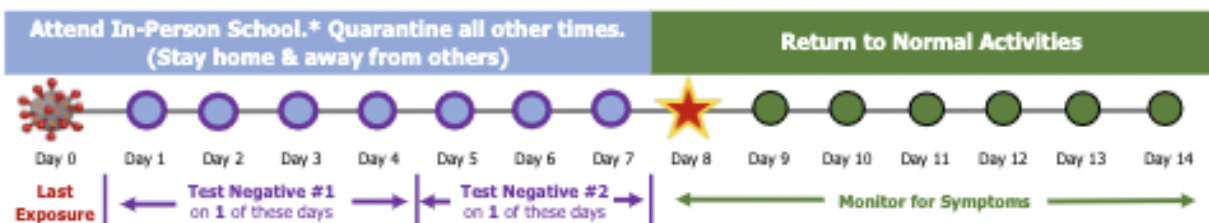
REQUIREMENTS:

- ~ 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.