



# Rhino Roar

*News for the Washington community*

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## **NO SCHOOL on Monday Jan 31** for Teacher Professional Development

### **A HUGE Thank You to the Berkeley Schools Volunteers who are supporting additional COVID testing at Washington!**

BSV are paired up with a professional technician to support testing on roving test carts. Volunteers give students simple instructions for administering the tests while the technicians log results. All volunteer training is provided on-site.

#### **To sign up with Berkeley Schools Volunteers (BSV) for COVID Testing:**

*Those New to BSV:*

- First register with BSV [HERE](#) (Note: you must upload proof of COVID vax and then be approved - usually within 24 hours)
- Once approved, BSV volunteers may sign up for specific COVID testing shifts (and other vol opportunities) [HERE](#)

*Those Already a Part of BSV:*

- Sign up directly for COVID testing shifts (by site and by day) [HERE](#)

**Questions?** Contact Sally McLaughlin of Berkeley Schools Volunteers:

[sallymclaughlin@berkeley.net](mailto:sallymclaughlin@berkeley.net)

#### **Please email [washingtonattendance@berkeley.net](mailto:washingtonattendance@berkeley.net)**

- if your child tests positive for COVID while at home. We will reply with information on return dates.
- with negative COVID tests to return to school
- with other absence information

Good news: **we're still not seeing evidence of transmission happening at school.**

Thank you for all of your support!

- Twice a week testing of all students and staff who are registered for testing. [Sign up your child here.](#)
- Email [vax@berkeley.net](mailto:vax@berkeley.net) to register your child's vaccination status.

#### **Renaming Update:**

We are learning about each of the [7 proposed names](#). We want to do each name justice, so a request has been made to the school board to provide extra time to allow for in depth learning. This will push the community engagement portion of the renaming process out to late February/March, also allowing more time for learning and discussions.

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

**Kindergarten Registration is open!** Everyone who has a child in Transitional Kindergarten needs to re-register them for Kindergarten. All Kindergarten Registration will be held online via email. You can access important registration information [here](#).

Calendar Reminders:

- ★ Jan 31 NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day
- ★ Feb 15 [SSC Meeting](#) 6 pm
- ★ Feb 17 [Literacy Night](#) 6 pm
- ★ Feb 18 & Feb 21 NO SCHOOL President's Day Weekend
- ★ Mar 17 Report Cards sent home

**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)

# How long to keep away from others (quarantine)

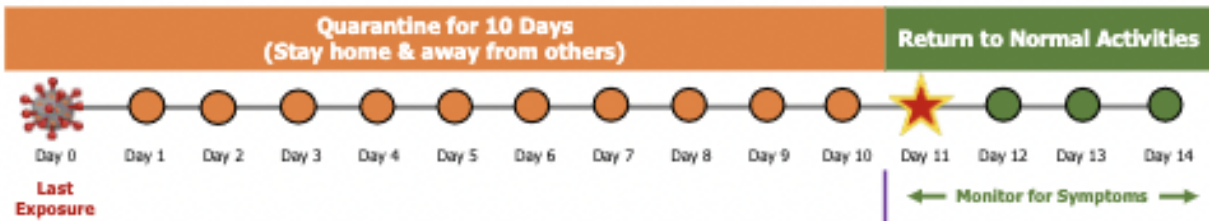
If you've had contact with someone with COVID-19

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

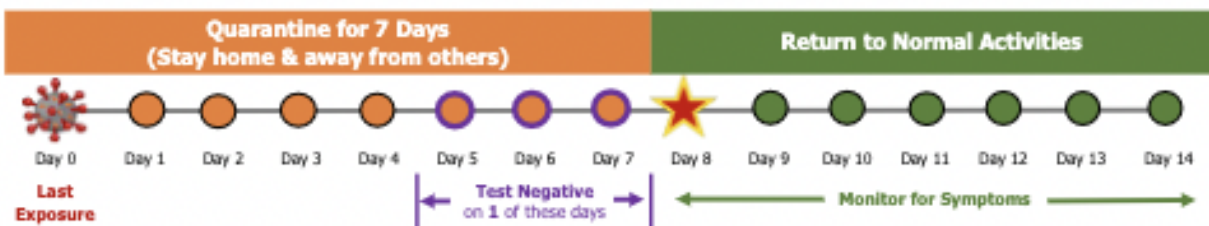


### REQUIREMENTS:

~ 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



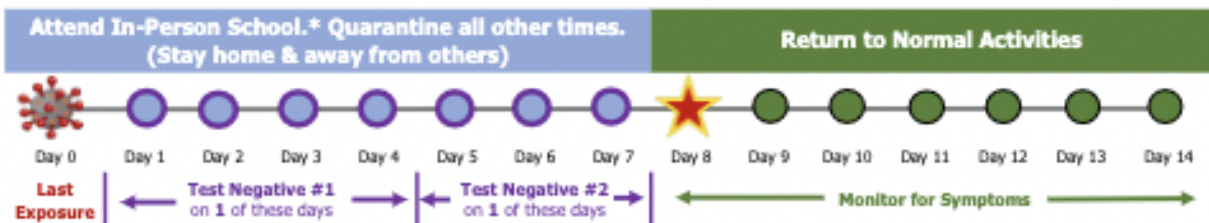
### REQUIREMENTS:

- ~ 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.