



# Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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As part of Lunar New Year Celebrations, the **UCB Lion Dance Team** will be offering a short performance for after school students at 3 pm on 2/25/22

- students not in LEARNS/BEARS must leave at dismissal time as usual
- those wishing to view performance will line up at orange gate on McKinley at 2:50 pm with parent/guardian
- will be admitted with parents to view the short performance at 3 pm
- leave campus immediately afterwards (can't stay and play as after school programs are in session)
- everyone must be masked

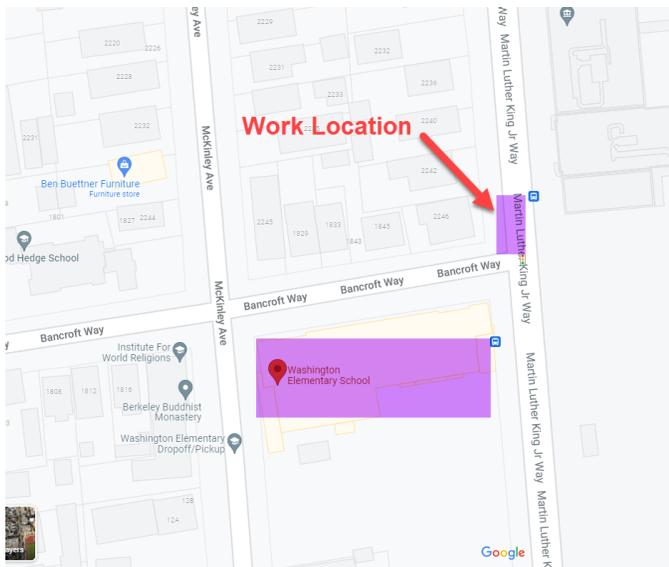
Washington's **Black History** Learning continues! Black Lives Matter Week at School resulted in many classroom conversations, writing and projects that will continue throughout the month and the year.

The BUSD **Oratorical Festival** will be held online on March 17, via recorded submissions. This year's theme is *Get Up! Speak Up! Demonstrate Black Resilience and Joy*

Berkeley Schools Volunteers (BSV) has had quite the year. Thus far, they have placed over 475 Classroom Volunteers in classrooms, libraries, and gardens - more than double last year's numbers! Thank you for your trust in BSV volunteers and for your ongoing partnership!

This message is to inform you that the [Classroom Volunteer Application](#) will close on Tuesday, March 1st.

NOTE: The BSV [School Support Volunteers Application](#) will remain open to support events or projects not tied to the classroom



**Construction at MLK and Bancroft,** starting 3/1/22, ending in the fall. PG&E has notified us of plans to conduct heavy construction work at this intersection during the hours of 7 am - 5 pm. If you travel to Washington by car, please try to avoid this intersection. The southbound lane of MLK will likely be closed 9 am - 4 pm.

**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

Continued good news: **we're still not seeing evidence of transmission happening at school.** Thank you all for your support!

- KN95 masks are now recommended for students. We can supply one mask a week for students. If you are able to donate KN95 additional masks, please contact your child's teacher.
- 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.

Calendar Reminders:

- ★ Feb 15 [SSC Meeting](#) 6 pm
- ★ Feb 17 Lockdown Shelter in Place drill 2 pm
- ★ Feb 18 & Feb 21 NO SCHOOL President's Day Weekend
- ★ Mar 3 English Learners Advisory Committee ELAC 6 pm
- ★ Mar 4 Berkeley High Jazz Band 1:30 pm
- ★ 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)

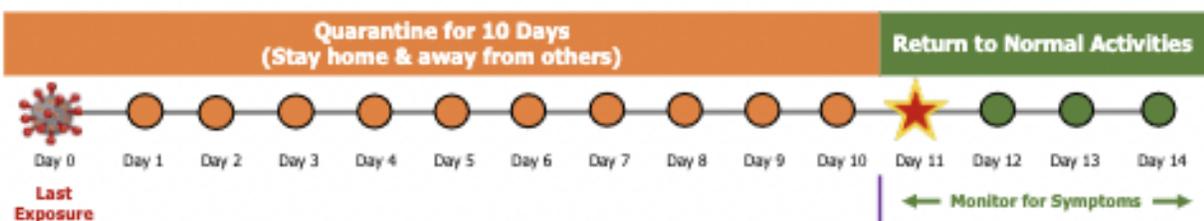
If you've had contact with someone with COVID-19

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

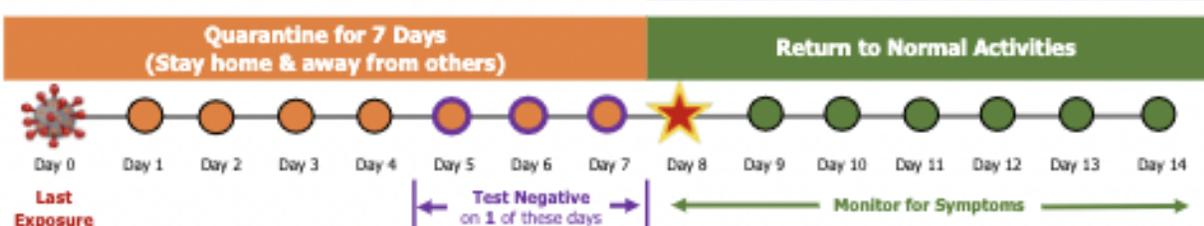


### REQUIREMENTS:

~ 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



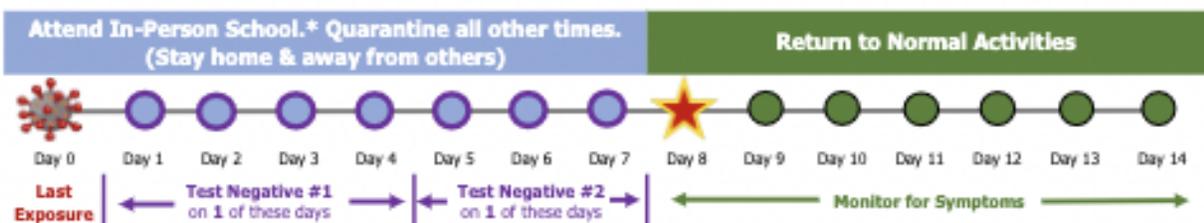
### REQUIREMENTS:

- ~ 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.