



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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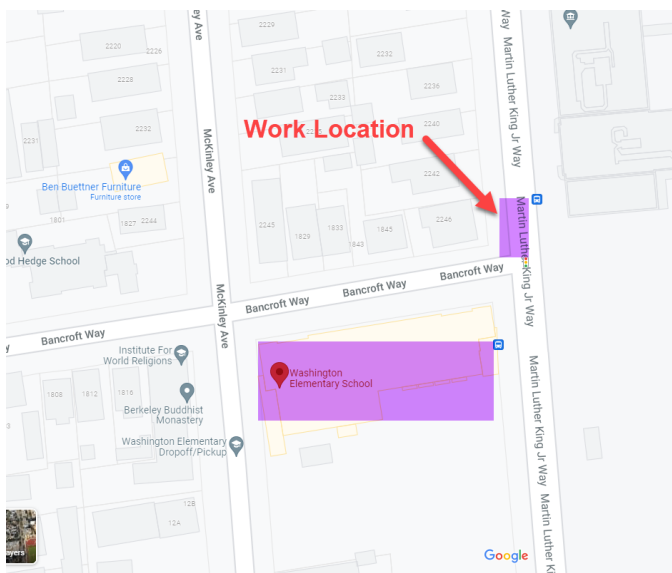
Links to [calendar](#) and past [newsletters](#) on [PTA website](#)

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY OR MONDAY

See Washington's Lunar New Year Celebrations, and the **UCB Lion Dance Team** visit this week [here](#).

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*



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

- 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 to register your child's vaccination status.

Calendar Reminders:

- ★ 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 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

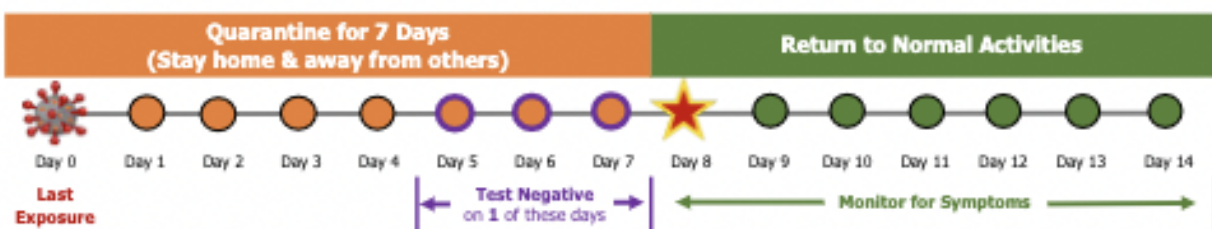
Who's eligible?
 ~ Children & adults
 ~ Must be UNVACCINATED & ASYMPTOMATIC



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

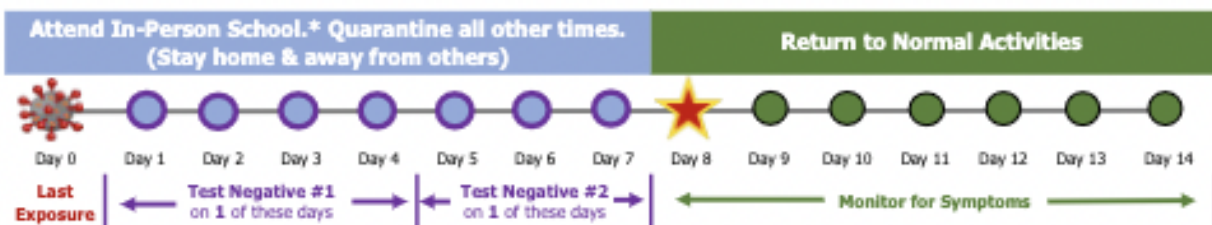


REQUIREMENTS:
 ~ Test negative on or after Day 5 required to release from quarantine as early as Day 8
 ~ Students/staff who do not meet the testing timeline must switch to 10-day (Standard) Quarantine
 ~ Students/staff who learn of an exposure belatedly should calculate quarantine from their exposure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