



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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NO SCHOOL on October 11 in honor of Indigenous People's Day.

Memorial Tree Planting for Ken Hunter will be held on October 7 at 10:45 am with Garden Teacher Emma Christie, staff from Buildings and Grounds and Washington students. We will plant a California [Buckeye](#) Tree on the stair planter just inside the orange gate and install a memorial plaque to remember our beloved Campus Safety Officer [Ken Hunter](#) who passed away last spring.

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](#).

ELAC (English Learners Advisory Committee) Meeting October 7th from 6 - 7 pm

- ❖ Prepare for parent/teacher conferences
- ❖ Plan Diwali and el Dia de los Muertos
- ❖ ELAC election
- ❖ Washington renaming

[Zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 869 3168 2396

Passcode: 292440

[link to agenda](#)

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Oct 25 - 28. **ALL Students must have a parent-teacher conference in the fall.** Parent/guardians will learn about their child's progress and how to best support them this year. During this week, students will be released early to allow teachers to hold conferences: tk/kinder : 12:30 pm, 1st - 5th 1:15 pm. **There is no school on Friday Oct 29.** Due to strict COVID guidelines about on campus visitors, conferences will be held on Zoom. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to schedule this important meeting.

Thank you everyone for voting and welcome to **Washington's School Site Committee** (SSC) Members for 2021-22: Nate Dalton, Heather Flett, Lassen Hines, Katy Love and Alex Schoenfeld. SSC will meet (virtually) at the district training on Oct. 21.

The current middle school enrollment policy alternatives being considered, including draft maps, can be found on the BUSD website [here](#).

Parent/Guardians can now volunteer at Washington! There are 2 options:

I. BSV Classroom Volunteers: Parents and community members who want to support *learning* in classrooms *regularly/weekly*.

- Commitment: An hour a week (or more, if desired) for the school year
- Process: Thoughtful matching by BSV to a Host Teacher
- Site Limitations: May serve in one classroom at one site only

- Requirements: Upload proof of COVID vax & complete BSV orientation. Community members must also be fingerprinted (not parents, if working in own child's class)
- Official Clearance: BSV sends match introduction email to Volunteer & Host Teacher. Volunteer's name automatically added to "BSV Screened Volunteers by Site" spreadsheet
- Identification on Campus: '21-22 BSV Name Badge, sent via mail to Volunteer. Volunteers still sign in/out in the Main Office every time (for contact tracing)
- **BSV Contact: Jissel Poblete: jisselpoblete@berkeley.net**
- **Sign Up Here: [New Classroom Volunteer Application](#)**

II. BSV School Support Volunteers: Parents and/or community members who want to support various school-related tasks on a *one-time or sporadic basis*.

- **Commitment: one-time or a series of visits**
- **Example Roles:** Playground Supervision (@ site), 1x Classroom Project (@ site), BSV Task Runner, BSV Ed Hub, BSV Supplies Assembly, etc.
- **Site Limitations:** Role limited to one school (and one classroom) only. Often, though not exclusively, outdoors.
- **Requirements:** Upload proof of COVID vax
- **Official Clearance:** BSV confirms clearance via email to Volunteer and School Contact (listed in application), if applicable. Volunteer's name automatically added to "BSV Screened Volunteers by Site" spreadsheet to Principals & BUSD Leadership.
- **Identification on Campus:** Volunteers sign in/out in the courtyard and email washingtonattendance@berkeley.net every time (for contact tracing) & get *BSV Volunteer* sticker to wear
- **BSV Contact:** Valerie Kratzer: valeriekratzer@berkeley.net
- **SIGN UP HERE: [BSV School Support Volunteers Application](#)** (shorter)
- **After that, Sign Up for [Washington's Playground Supervision](#)**

Please allow 1 full week between new volunteer application & final clearance.

ESPAÑOL

Actualización de voluntarios de Berkeley Schools Volunteers (BSV)

Voluntarios de BSV en el Salon de Clase/ BSV Classroom Volunteers: Padres y miembros de la comunidad que desean apoyar el aprendizaje en el aula de manera regular / semanal

- Compromiso: Una hora a la semana (o más, si se desea) durante el año escolar
- Proceso: Emparejamiento cuidadoso por BSV con un maestro anfitrión
- Limitaciones del sitio: Puede servir en un salón de clases en un solo sitio

- Requisitos: Cargar prueba de COVID vax y orientación completa de BSV. Los miembros de la comunidad también deben tomar las huellas digitales (no los padres, si trabajan en la clase de su hijo)
- Autorización oficial: BSV envía un correo electrónico de presentación de coincidencia al maestro voluntario y anfitrión. El nombre del voluntario se agrega automáticamente a la hoja de cálculo "Voluntarios seleccionados por BSV por sitio". Los voluntarios siguen registrando su entrada / salida en la oficina principal cada vez (para rastreo de contactos)
- Contacto BSV: Jissel Poblete: jisselpoblete@berkeley.net
- **INSCRIBASE AQUI: [Solicitud de voluntariado en el nuevo salón de clases](#)**

Voluntarios de Apoyo Escolar de BSV/ BSV School Support Volunteers: Padres y / o miembros de la comunidad que desean apoyar varias tareas relacionadas con la escuela de forma única o esporádica.

- Compromiso: visitas únicas o una serie de roles
- Ejemplos de funciones: Supervisión del patio de recreo de Washington (@ sitio), 1x Proyecto de aula (@ sitio), Programa de tareas de BSV, Centro de educación de BSV, Ensamblaje de suministros de BSV, etc.
- Limitaciones del sitio: Función limitada a una escuela (y un aula) solamente. A menudo, aunque no exclusivamente, al aire libre.
- Requisitos: Cargar prueba de autorización oficial de COVID vax: BSV confirma la autorización por correo electrónico al contacto de voluntarios y la escuela (enumerados en la solicitud), si corresponde. El nombre del voluntario se agrega automáticamente a la hoja de cálculo de "Voluntarios seleccionados por BSV por sitio" para los directores y el liderazgo de BUSD.
- Identificación en el campus: Los voluntarios se registran en el patio principal cada vez (para rastrear contactos) y obtienen una calcomanía de voluntario de BSV para usar
- Contacto de BSV: Valerie Kratzer: valeriekratzer@berkeley.net
- **REGISTRESE AQUI: [Solicitud de voluntarios de apoyo escolar de BSV \(más corta\)](#)**
- **Después de eso, [REGISTRESE AQUI Washington's Playground Supervision](#)**

Por favor permita 1 semana completa entre la nueva solicitud de voluntario y la autorización final.

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!

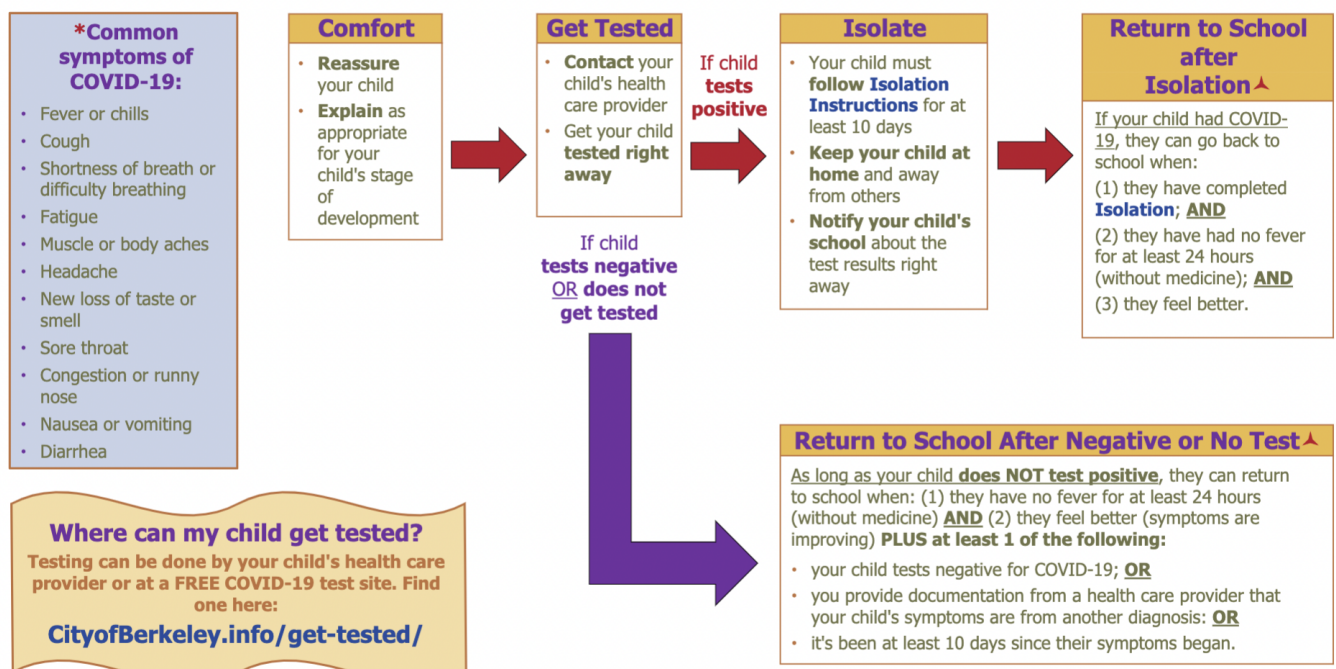
Calendar Reminders:

- ★ Oct 5: PTA Meeting via Zoom
- ★ Oct 7: ELAC 6 - 7 pm English Learners Advisory Committee via [Zoom](#)
- ★ Oct 11: **NO SCHOOL** Staff Professional Development Day
- ★ Oct 21: SSC 6 - 8 pm School Site Council Meeting via Zoom
- ★ Oct 25 - 28: Shortened days for Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Release
tk/kinder : 12:30 pm, 1st - 5th 1:15 pm
- ★ Oct 28: Halloween Parades by grade level, more info coming soon!
- ★ Oct 29: **NO SCHOOL** Parent/Teacher Conferences

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

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



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

Scenario 1: Has Symptoms, Revised 8.13.21

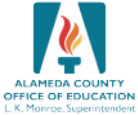
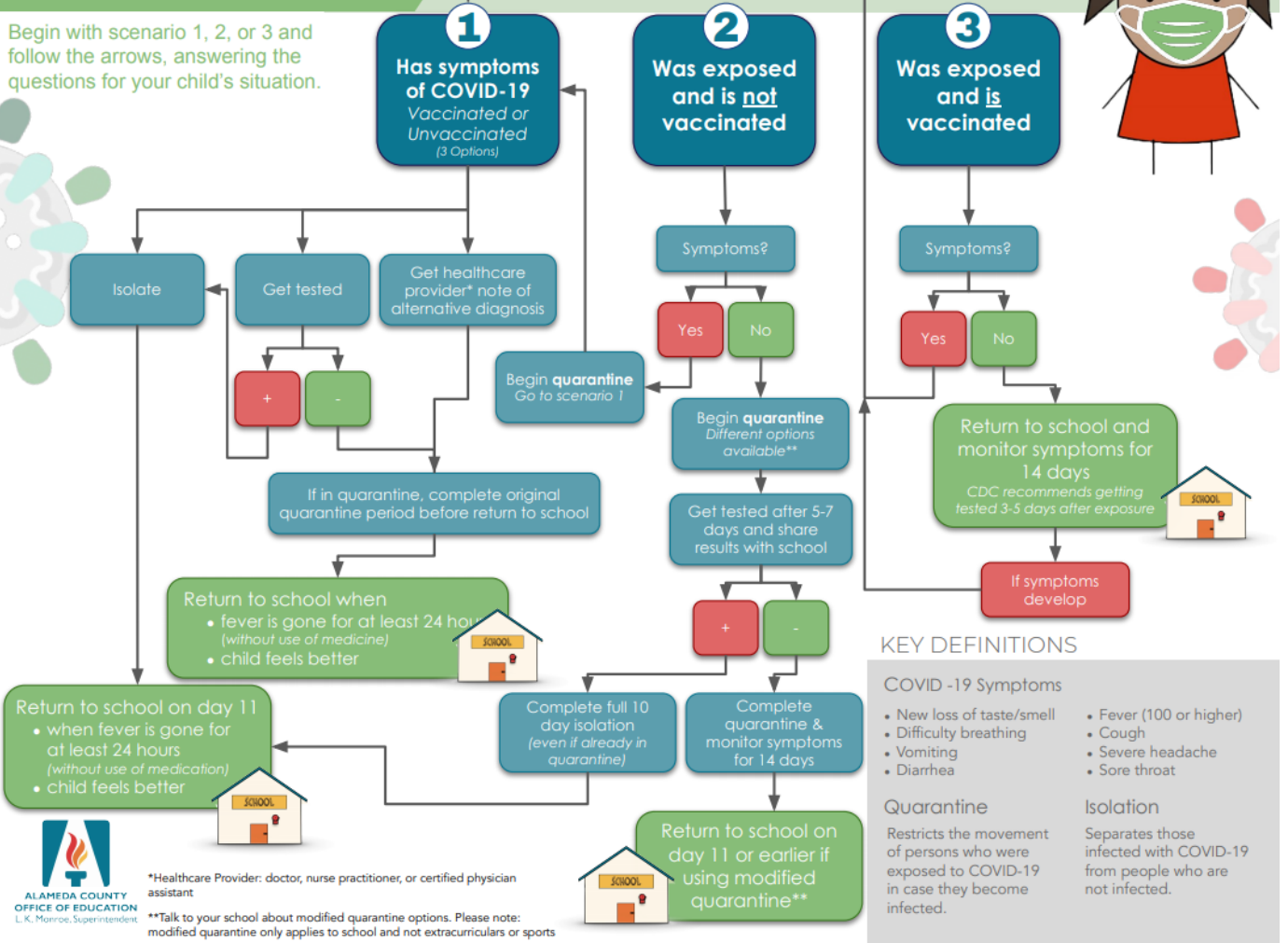
COVID-19 Flowchart for Parents

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.



*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)

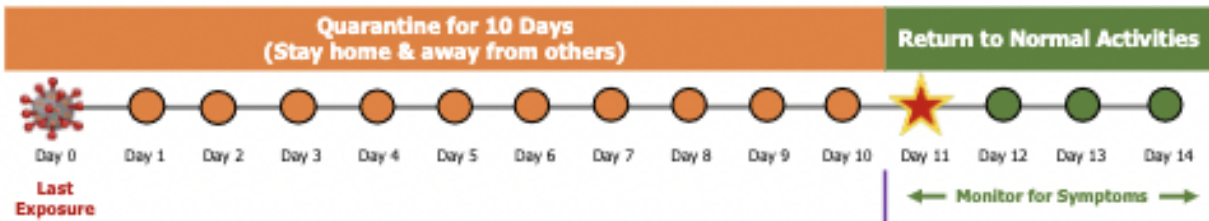
If you've had contact with someone with COVID-19

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

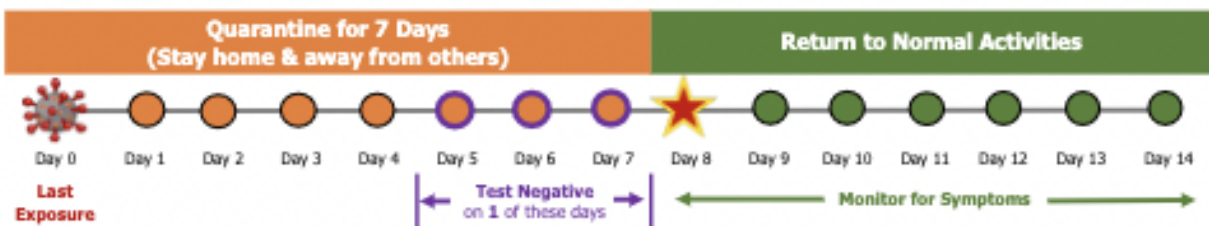


REQUIREMENTS:

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

7-Day⁺ At-Home (Shortened) Quarantine

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



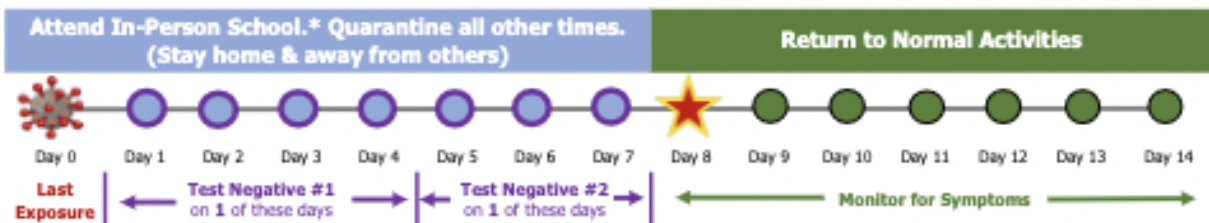
REQUIREMENTS:

- ~ 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.