



BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Administration Building
669 Avenue A
Bayonne, New Jersey 07002

Walter Rogers
Emergency Response/Crisis Mgmt. Coordinator

TO: All Parents/Guardians & Staff
FROM: Walter Rogers
DATE: January 7, 2022
RE: COVID-19 Exclusion Periods for Schools

Dear Parent/Guardian/Staff,

On December 27th, 2021, the CDC shortened the recommended time for isolation and quarantine for the **general public**. However, as of now these new recommendations **do not** apply to school settings.

The CDC is currently updating guidance documents for schools. The NJ Department of Health advised us that schools should continue following the current COVID-19 school protocols until they and the CDC update their recommendations for school settings. I have enclosed our exclusion criteria for COVID-19 related incidents.

Exclusion criteria for persons who have COVID-19 compatible symptoms or who test positive for COVID-19:

Individuals who test positive or individuals with COVID-19 symptoms who have not been tested and do not have an alternative diagnosis from their healthcare provider should stay home until at least **10 days** have passed since symptom onset and at least 24 hours have passed after resolution of fever without fever reducing medications.

Persons who test positive for COVID-19 but who are asymptomatic should stay home for **10 days** from the positive result.

Exclusion criteria for COVID-19 close contacts:

Unvaccinated:

- **Close contacts** who are not fully vaccinated should be excluded for **10 days** from the date of last exposure to the contact. The close contact may test on days 5 through 7. Close contacts who test negative during the 5th through 7th days following the date of last contact may return on the 8th day or thereafter.
- As per the Bayonne Health Department, all unvaccinated students/staff who are household members with someone who is COVID-19 positive should be excluded from school for **14 days**.

Vaccinated:

- Fully vaccinated persons who have close contact with someone with COVID-19 do NOT need to be excluded from school if they are asymptomatic but should be referred for testing 5-7 days after exposure. They should still monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an exposure.

If any close contact experiences symptoms (regardless of vaccination status), they should immediately isolate themselves from others, and be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, including testing.

Exposed close contacts who have no COVID-19 symptoms and have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 90 days do not need to quarantine or be excluded from school.

Please forward any questions to wrogers@bboed.org. Stay safe.

Sincerely,

Walter Rogers
Emergency Response/Crisis Management Coordinator