

Bergman School District Covid Info 2021-2022

Bergman School District's POC is Debbie Atkinson, her phone number is 870-416-1362. She should be contacted if you are going to get tested, anyone in your household is getting tested, or you have been notified you are a close contact to a positive person. If you would like to use any of the 10 covid days the district is offering, you have to have test results from a medical facility. An over the counter test will not qualify you for any days. Once you contact the POC and she places you on the Covid tracker, you must be cleared before you can return to school. During this time, communication with her is very important.

Point of Contact---Appointed by the superintendent, a POC is a district employee who is responsible for reporting positive COVID-19 cases to the Arkansas Department of Health School Hotline. This person will work with other school personnel to identify probable close contacts within the district and serve as the liaison between the school district and ADH.

Isolation is required for someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. This person must attempt to completely separate from others for a minimum of 10 days. The health department or the POC will determine when you can return to work. You must be 24 hour fever and diarrhea free and symptoms improving before returning to school.

Close Contact-A close contact is an individual, confirmed by ADH contact tracing or the district POC, who was within 6 feet for 15 cumulative minutes or longer within a 24-hour period of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. The close contact will be required to self-quarantine per back-to-school guidelines from the last date of contact with the infected person.

Quarantine is required for someone identified as a close contact to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. The close contact must remain at home and avoid all public activities per back-to-school guidelines from the last date of contact with the positive case.

- This year we will allow a quarantine of 7 days if no symptoms have occurred and you receive a negative test at least 5 days after exposure. If you do not want to test, you can return after 10 days if you have no symptoms.
- Antibody tests are not being used to exclude from quarantine.

Possible Exceptions to Quarantine Requirements: **1.** Individuals who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 and recovered within 90 days do not have to quarantine, as long as they do not develop new symptoms. **2.** Individuals exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 will not need to be quarantined if the exposed individual has no symptoms and both the infected and exposed individual consistently and correctly were wearing a mask. **3.** Individuals who are fully vaccinated will not have to quarantine, provided they do not have symptoms.

Nurse Taylor (870-517-1688) and Nurse Berry (870-414-3186) have school phones this year for you to use to contact them during school hours if you need them or have any questions.