



BRANDYWINE HEIGHTS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Contact Tracing/Quarantines

As per the Pennsylvania Department of Health, DOH, a quarantine period remains in effect for individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19 and are identified as close contacts. The quarantine requirements are determined by vaccination status and/or the use of face coverings.

Close Contact (Definition): An individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. There is an exception to this definition for the K-12 indoor classroom setting. If the following is applicable, an individual would NOT be considered a close contact:

- Both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting face masks; and
- Other K-12 school prevention strategies (such as universal and correct mask use, physical distancing, increased ventilation) were in place in the K-12 school setting

This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

Fully Vaccinated Students and/or Students Wearing Face Coverings

- Students (K-12), who are identified as close contacts and who have been fully vaccinated and/or were wearing an appropriate face covering at the time of initial exposure to a person(s) with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 (who was also wearing a mask), will NOT need to quarantine as long as they remain asymptomatic (*Note: For vaccinated individuals, valid proof of vaccination will be required for the above to apply.*)
- It is recommended that anyone, who is identified as a close contact, be tested within 2-5 days following the initial date of exposure and wear a face covering for 14 days or until he/she receives a negative test result.

Non-Vaccinated Students and/or Students NOT Wearing Face Coverings

- Students (K-12), who are identified as close contacts and who have NOT been fully vaccinated and/or were NOT wearing an appropriate face covering at the time of initial exposure to a person(s) with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, WILL be required to quarantine.
- All students who are required to quarantine will be provided online access to livestream their BHASD classes virtually until the quarantine period is over.
- Students will be able to return after one of the following:
 1. 10 days after the initial date of exposure without testing if **no symptoms** have been reported during daily monitoring.
 - As per the DOH, symptom monitoring must continue through Day 14.
 2. 7 days after the initial date of exposure with a negative PCR COVID Test Result (*Note: The test must occur on Day 5 or later.*)
 - As per the DOH, symptom monitoring must continue through Day 14.



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Note: The guidelines (listed above) only apply to those individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19 and are identified as close contacts.

Individuals, who test positive for COVID-19, are required to quarantine for a minimum of 10 days, as per DOH guidelines.

Reference:

[PA HAN 583 - Public Health Recommendations for People Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19](#)

[PA Department of Education - Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools](#)

[PA Department of Health - Plans and Processes for K-12 Schools During COVID-19 2021-22 Academic Year](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

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