COVID-19

2023-24 HEALTH PROTOCOLS FOR SCHOOLS/ECE

*Based on NJDOH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

VACCINATIONS

Bloomfield Department of Health (BDH) encourages students and staff to stay up to date with all vaccinations. **BDH** promotes equitable access to vaccinations and will advertise continue to clinics upcoming vaccine through the department.

STAY HOME WHEN SICK

To prevent the spread of all illnesses, it is critical that students and staff stay home when begin to experience symptoms.

- Students and staff experiencing the following symptoms need to stay home until symptoms are resolved: fever, sore throat, cough, runny nose, fatigue, muscle/ body aches, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, etc.
- Get tested as soon as possible after symptoms begin.
- If tested positive, stay home for 5 days. If fever free for the past 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medication), then on day 6 return wearing a mask for days 6 through 10.
- Report illnesses to your school nurse and follow any guidance issued from the NJ Department of Health.

See below recommendations for isolation when COVID-19 positive or if you have symptoms

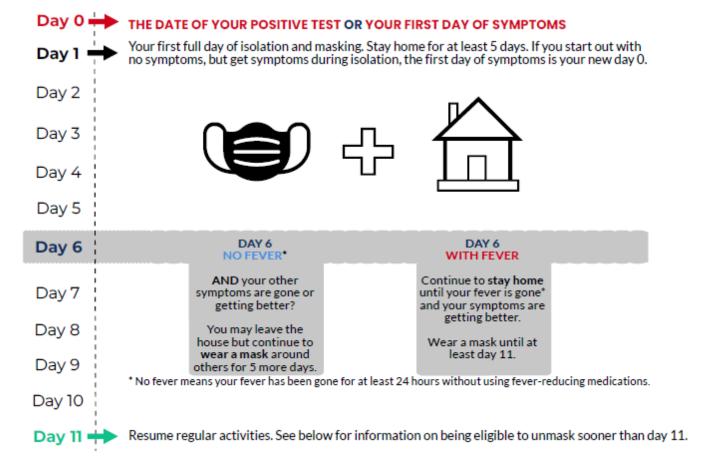
COVID-19 POSITIVE OR HAVE SYMPTOMS?

STAY HOME, MASK, AND MONITOR

NJ Health



These guidelines apply to individuals regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status. People with moderate or severe illness, those with weakened immune systems, and people living in high-risk or group settings may need to isolate longer than 5 days.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MASKING

- During periods of high COVID-19 activity levels and during an outbreak.
- Any student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19
 will need to mask from day 0 through day 11 (even at home if
 you live with other people). Day 0 is the date of your positive
 test or your first day of symptoms.
- Regardless of vaccination status, all individuals exposed to COVID-19 must wear a face mask up to 10 days following the exposure.
- If a person has an immunocompromised condition.

Note: If a mask cannot be worn, it is safest to continue isolation through day 10 if COVID-19 positive.

PARENTAL SYMPTOM SCREENING

Parents and family caregivers are strongly encouraged to closely monitor their children for signs of illness every morning before they leave for school.

- Do not send your child to school if they have a fever and/or tested positive for COVID-19.
- Parents are encouraged to reach out to their school nurse with questions.

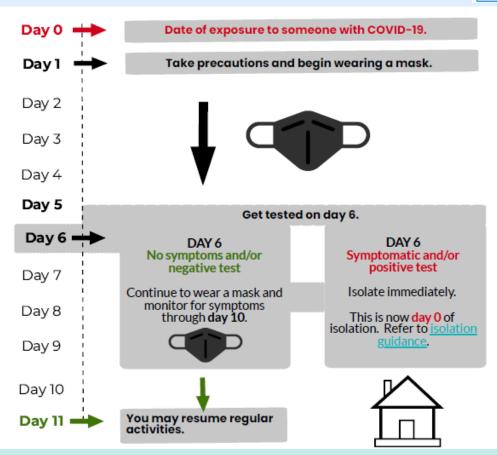
See below recommendations of what to do if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19



What to Do When Exposed to COVID-19







COVID TESTING

- Regardless of vaccination status, students and staff who experience symptoms of COVID-19 are recommended to test, and if
 positive, isolate for 5 days minimum.
- If you were exposed to someone with COVID-19, get tested on day 6 following contact. If results are negative, then continue
 wearing a face mask and monitor for symptoms until day 10.

For more information, please reach out to Bloomfield Health Department-Nursing Division: (973) 680-4058