

## Bedford City School District Student Health and Safety Procedures and Protocols

The following protocols are being implemented, based on guidelines of local, state, and federal health officials, to ensure your safety and the safety of others.

### ASSESSMENT AND PROTOCOL FOR SYMPTOMS

Any student experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, described below, should not go to school. The absence should be called into the school with an explanation of symptoms. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and may include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as necessary.

*Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

### PERSONAL SAFETY AND HYGIENE

- Each student is expected to maintain good hygiene at all times, including frequent hand washing or sanitizing.
- Hand sanitizers can be found in every classroom, high-contact areas, at entrances and throughout the halls. Although the district will provide hand sanitizer, frequent hand-washing for at least 20 seconds with soap and water is a primary defense from COVID-19.
- Masks must be worn at all times indoors. If students come without one, one will be provided.
- Students need to bring their own water bottles. Drinking fountains have been covered or removed. Refrigerated water bottle fill stations have been installed.
- Students must have their own school supplies, as supplies will not be shared.
- BCSD will implement physical distancing standards to the greatest extent possible.

## **ENHANCED SCHOOL SAFETY AND SANITATION**

- The district will continue its current practices of enhanced cleaning utilizing sanitizing equipment and cleaning products and disinfecting buildings with electrostatic sprayers.
- There are tighter regulations of entry to buildings by visitors, and all are required to wear face masks. Visitors, when applicable, including parents picking up students, will be asked to wait in the vestibule. A student will be brought to the parent in order to sign out.
- Health and safety signage has been placed throughout the schools.
- Staff will stagger and plan for restroom breaks to limit the number of students in the restroom at any given time.
- Extra-Curricular activities and athletic events will continue to comply with ODE, OHSAA and CDC guidelines.
- Adjustments will be made as needed to stay compliant with all federal, state and local legislation and health department directives to ensure the safety of students and staff.

## **COVID-19 RESPONSE PROTOCOLS**

If a student tests positive for COVID-19, s/he must self-isolate immediately. The Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) will be contacted when a positive case is identified in the district. The district will follow the guidance set forth by the CCBH and work with them to conduct contact tracing. The district will follow School Guidance set forth by the CCBH and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for the 2021-2022 school year in regards to isolation and quarantine:

### **Isolation Procedures from the CCBH**

Anyone confirmed as having been infected with COVID-19 must isolate until they meet all of the following criteria:

- At least 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms or 10 days since the test date if they had no symptoms
- COVID-19 related symptoms have improved; and
- They have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medication, like Tylenol or Motrin.

### **Modified Quarantine Procedures from the ODH**

The K-12 school environment is a setting in which layered public health strategies have been shown to be effective to reduce the spread of COVID-19. During the 2020-21 school year, Ohio modified standard quarantine procedures for K-12 students based upon studies and pilot evaluations, including the Ohio Schools COVID-19 Evaluation, which is further supported by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) new Close Contact K-12 Exception. Modified quarantine procedures will continue as Ohio schools begin the 2021-22 school year. With layered prevention strategies in place, more students will be able to remain in the classroom and continue participating in sports and extracurricular activities.

*Updated by the ODH Aug. 5, 2021.*

For additional information, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH

Reminders from the CCBH:

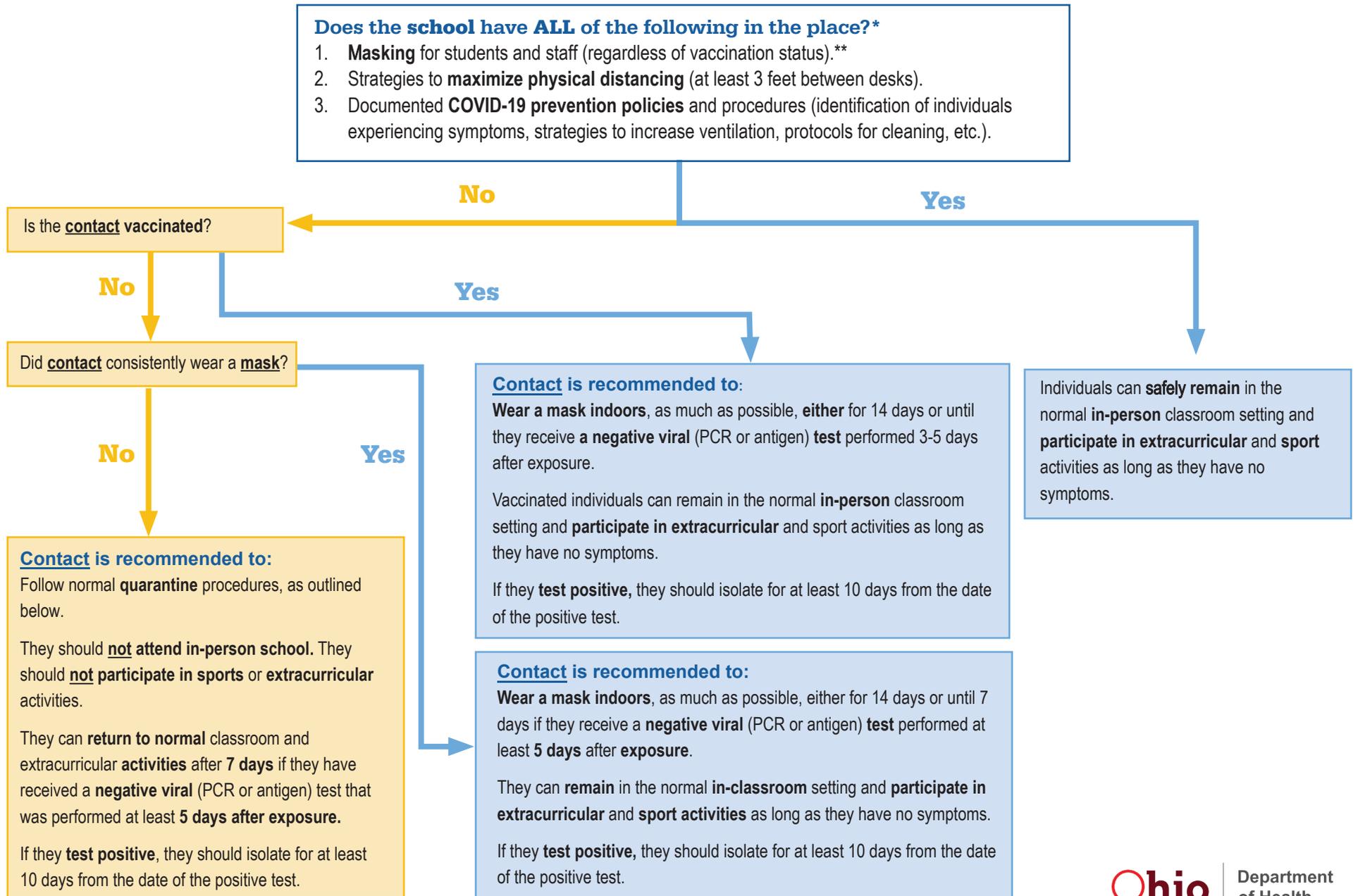
- Some COVID-19 symptoms may be similar to those of allergies, cold or flu.
- Be sure to check with your healthcare provider concerning medical questions.
- A healthcare provider may recommend additional testing or offer a different diagnosis. •  
Contact the CCBH with any questions.

Visit the Ohio Department of Health's COVID-19 website at [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov) to find a testing location or a local community health center.

The district will continue to update its COVID-19 dashboard at [BCSD COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

## Guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in K-12 Classroom Settings

This chart can help guide quarantine decisions after a student or adult contact is exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the classroom setting.



\*This flowchart applies only to COVID-19 exposures that occurred within a K-12 classroom setting. It is not applicable to exposure in the community, extracurricular, or sports environment.

\*\*If masking has not been implemented, local health departments (LHDs) may use this workflow if it can be established that the person WITH COVID-19 and individuals within 3 to 6 feet of the infected person were consistently and correctly wearing masks.