

## 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

Every student is required to take the self-assessment through RUVNA which is sent every morning via email and text. This procedure will provide for an extra layer of protection by identifying people who may be experiencing COVID symptoms as described below. The absence should be called into the school with an explanation of symptoms. People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms – ranging from mild to severe. 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 against COVID-19.
- Masks must be worn at all times indoors. If students come to school 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.
- BCSD has provided desk shields for every student. The shields provide additional protection while students are seated in a classroom or cafeteria.
- The district is exploring an improved building air purification system that will block and neutralize harmful particles in the air including viruses, bacteria, mold and allergens.
- Bedford Schools is exploring standing temperature monitors for all buildings.
- Each month, the Bedford City School District receives an allotment of personal protective equipment to provide to students as needed. These include masks, hand sanitizer, gloves, gowns and face shields.
- 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 as well as 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 regarding isolation and quarantine:

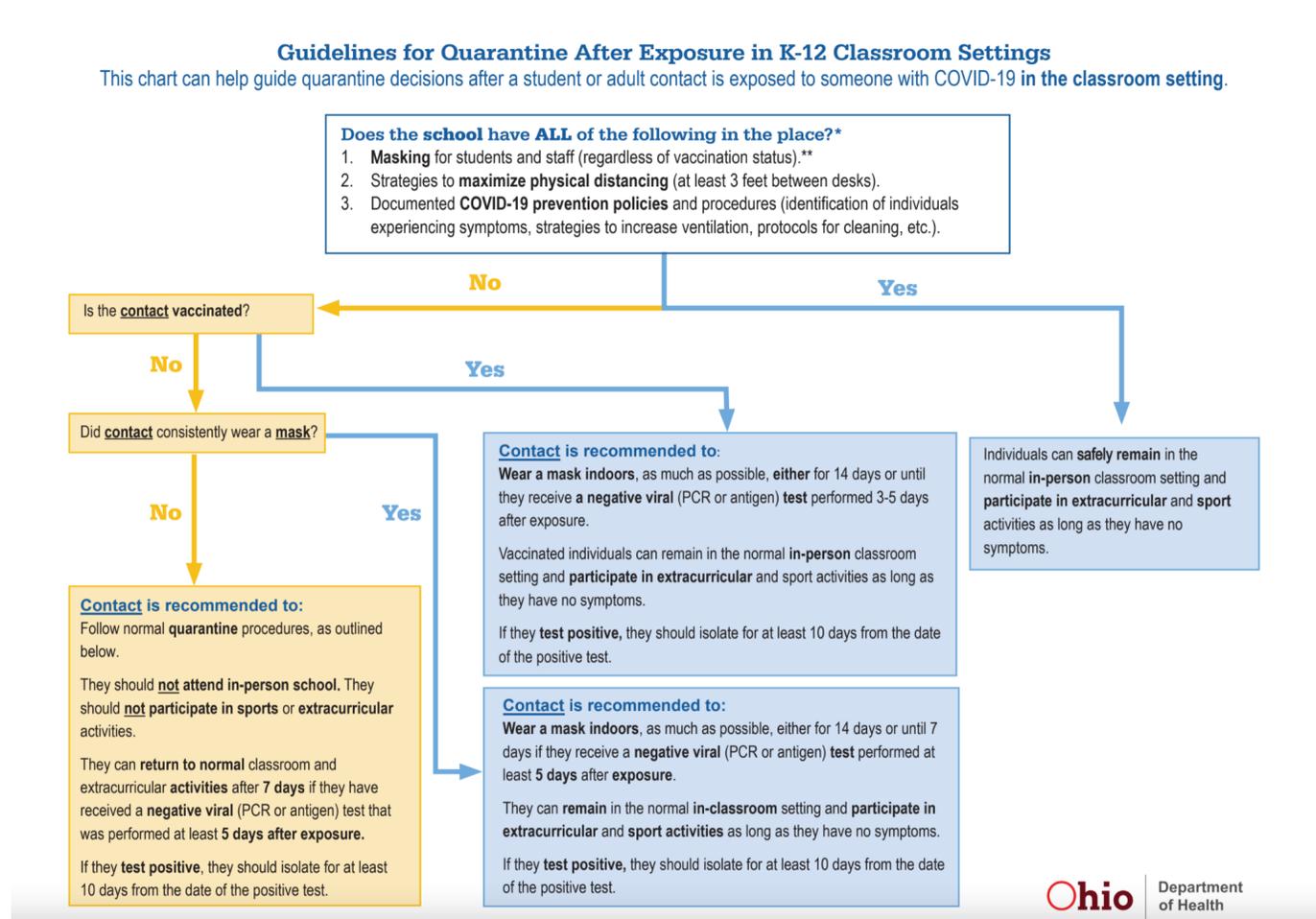
### **Isolation Procedures from the CCBH**

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.

## Quarantine Procedures from the ODH

Please see the flowchart below which the Bedford City Schools will follow as it relates to quarantining students.



If a student is feeling ill with COVID-like symptoms, the school nurse can provide parents with an at-home COVID test kit.

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.

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

