

UPDATE O-1: UPDATED QUARANTINE PROTOCOL FOR RETURN TO SCHOOL

September 26, 2021

Dear Families and Staff,

Following CSDE/DPH [Addendum #5](#) and in collaboration with our local health department, the Brookfield Public Schools is updating its protocol for return to school from quarantine for asymptomatic, unvaccinated students beginning Monday, September 27th. This change **will provide students with 3 additional days of in person learning!**

If your child has been identified as a close contact, is asymptomatic and unvaccinated there are now two options for return to school from quarantine:

OPTION 1:

- Remain home in quarantine for 10 days since the last day of exposure to the person diagnosed with COVID. Return to school on day 11 and daily self monitor for symptoms day 11 thru day 14.
- When The student returns to school on day 11 they must refrain from strenuous physical or respiratory activities, including active participation in recess, PE, athletics and band for days 11-14.
- Get a COVID test on day 8 or later, when the student returns to school they may resume all activities (sports, band, etc.). Must provide a copy of the negative test result to the school nurse.

OPTION 2:

- Remain home in quarantine for 7 days since the last exposure to the person diagnosed with COVID--continuously monitoring daily for symptoms.
- Get tested on day 5 or later, return to school on day 8--monitor for symptoms day 8-14
- Must provide copy of negative test result to the school nurse before returning to school

For either of the above, if symptoms develop, notify your child's school nurse and contact your health care provider immediately.

You must notify the school nurse with which quarantine option you plan to choose so that accurate attendance, quarantine days, and testing can be monitored

It is important to note, per [Addendum #5](#), when a child returns to school from quarantine, regardless of whether they are infected or not, they must refrain from strenuous physical or respiratory activity, including active participation in recess, P.E., athletics and band for 14 complete days, post infection or exposure, unless a negative Covid-19 test on day 8 or later is provided to the school nurse.

REMINDER: *As indicated in last week's UPDATE N-1, fully vaccinated individuals do not have to quarantine after close contact as long as they remain asymptomatic. A fully vaccinated person should have a test 3-5 days after a close contact exposure.*

If you have any questions please call your child's school nurse.

Sincerely,

Dr. John W. Barile
Superintendent