

2021-22 COVID-19 Updates

Boscobel Area Schools

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- **Will personal face coverings/masks be required in school? Will personal face coverings/masks be required on school transportation/buses?**

Personal face coverings/masks are optional, unless required under specific circumstances. Masking protocols MAY be affected by other protocols such as positive case status. A symptomatic student or adult will be asked to wear a surgical mask until leaving the building.

- **Will there be social distancing?**

Social distancing will be done to the best of our ability, as space allows.

- **What if I have symptoms of infectious illness?**

Students and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19 will be isolated and testing is suggested. Individuals who have infectious illness symptoms should stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.

- **When will testing be needed?**

COVID-19 testing will be requested if a staff or student meets exclusion/symptom criteria for COVID-19. The school will accept antigen or PCR testing. Home tests will not be accepted.

- **What is the quarantine length for a positive case?**

The isolation period for a positive case is 5 days (with release on day 6 if conditions are met). Masking must occur through day 10 for all indoor school and school-related activities. Individuals with mask exemptions may choose to wear a school-provided face shield during the isolation period. If unable to wear a face mask (or school-provided face shield for those with mask exemptions) properly, individuals must isolate the full 10 days (no exemptions or exceptions).

- **What is the quarantine length for a close contact?**

The full and safest quarantine period for close contacts is 10 days. However, the following close contact quarantine protocols will be in effect in the district.

1. Asymptomatic close contacts do not have to quarantine at home and do not have to mask at school.
2. Symptomatic close contacts must quarantine until a negative test confirms symptoms are not due to COVID. Close contacts who are symptomatic and don't choose to test will be treated as positive cases.
3. Individuals with lab-confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days do not need to quarantine, as per CDC guidance.

Vaccination status, positive antibody status, or previously positive COVID-19 status (outside of 90 days) are not pertinent under current district protocol since close contacts are no longer required to quarantine.

- **What health information sources or metrics will drive district COVID-19 decisions?**

Protocols are subject to change at the discretion of the school board. School board members may consider public health and DPI recommendations as well as data and research.

- **Will a virtual educational option be offered?**

Students will be offered in-person learning only. (Students with significant underlying health issues will be considered through 504 or special education avenues. The district will make arrangements for remote learning during exclusion, quarantine, or isolation.)

- **How will you collect vaccination data? Will the district require vaccination evidence?**

The district will collect vaccination data from the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) and/or from parents/guardians or staff members. Authorized WIR users (such as local health officers and schools) may use the COVID vaccine information to decide mitigation measures or school COVID policies and for public health purposes (such as contact tracing or to determine quarantines). If no vaccination evidence is obtained/provided, the district assumes that the individual is not vaccinated.

- **Will you require students and staff to be vaccinated?**

COVID-19 vaccinations are not required for students or staff.

Visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm#maps>, then select BOSCOBEL in the school district search bar to find current local data.