

2021-22 COVID-19 Updates

Boscobel Area Schools

Updated 1/19/22

- **Will personal face coverings/masks be required in school? Will personal face coverings/masks be required on school transportation/buses?**
In accordance with the federal transportation mandate, masks must be worn in all school transportation vehicles. Personal face covering/masking protocols will reflect district metrics. If a building transitions to masking, this will remain in effect for 14 (calendar) days. The district will reassess metrics on the 14th day. If changes in masking are necessary, parents/guardians will be notified via Skylert and changes will occur the following day. **Note that when masking is required indoors at school, this applies to all individuals who enter that building/entity during school hours. Masking will be optional at all school-sponsored events that occur outside of regular school hours.** Masking protocols MAY be affected by other protocols such as close contact or positive case status or status as a household member of symptomatic individual. A symptomatic student or adult will be asked to wear a surgical mask until leaving the building.
- **Will there be social distancing?**
Social distancing is encouraged when spaces are conducive to do so.
- **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 will need to seek testing. 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 required 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 (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 but must mask for the full 10-day quarantine (no exceptions or exemptions, and this applies to all school-related events/activities).
 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.

Asymptomatic close contacts may participate in school-related activities and athletics (unless SWAL or WIAA is more restrictive with their close contact requirements). These individuals must wear a mask for the full 10-day quarantine period (no exceptions or exemptions). Vaccination status, positive antibody status, or previously positive COVID-19 status 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?**

See district metrics. Changes to COVID-19 metrics and protocols will be communicated via Skylert. Pandemic protocols are subject to change at the discretion of the school board.

- **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.