

2021-22 COVID-19 Updates

Boscobel Area Schools

Updated 12/22/21

- **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 the most current 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 status, vaccine exemptions, previous COVID-19 infection, and 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 only accept PCR tests from symptomatic individuals for school re-entry.
- **What is the quarantine length for a positive case?**
The isolation period for a positive or diagnosed case is 10 days.
- **What is the quarantine length for a close contact?**
The full and safest quarantine period for close contacts is 14 days. However, as of January 3, 2021, the following close contact quarantine protocols will be in effect in the district.
 1. Close contacts who are ASYMPTOMATIC may choose to quarantine at home or at school. Close contacts who attend school during their quarantine period must mask through the 14-day quarantine period (no exceptions or exemptions and this applies to all school-related events/activities).
 2. Close contacts who experience any symptoms (OR who are unable to mask or choose not to mask) must quarantine the full 14 days and not attend school during that time.

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 14-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. In all of these cases, unless positive COVID-19 test results (completed by an acceptable, approved testing provider) are confirmed within last 90 days, anyone who is a SYMPTOMATIC close contact must serve the full 14-day quarantine period.

- **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, and quarantine protocols will apply.
- **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.