

1. What does up-to-date on vaccination mean (“fully vaccinated”)? (updated 1/11/22)

Anyone over the age of 18, will need to have the primary vaccines series and 14 days past receiving the booster to be considered up-to-date on the vaccine.

A student ages 5-17 years who has completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccine, is considered up-to-date on the vaccine.

2. When is someone eligible for a booster vaccine? (Updated 1/9/22)

Pfizer - 2nd vaccine was received more than 5 months ago (ages 12+)

Moderna - 2nd vaccine was received more than 6 months ago (ages 18+)

J & J - Vaccine was received more than 2 months ago, the recommended booster is needed (ages 18+).

3. My student has already had COVID-19 and has recently been around someone diagnosed with COVID-19, what should I do? (Updated 1/9/22)

Any person that has tested positive for COVID (laboratory test) within the last 90 days, does not need to stay home after being exposed to another person with COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status as long as they have no symptoms. Please send the test result to your school nurse.

Anyone with COVID-like symptoms, regardless of disease history or vaccination status, should stay home and test for COVID-19.

4. What symptoms should I keep my student home for? (Updated 2/11/22)

Symptomatic Individuals with [COVID-19-like Symptom\(s\)](#), regardless of vaccination status, should to complete **one** of the following options:

- A COVID-19 test within 48 hours of when symptoms started **OR**
- Stay home away from others for 5 days after symptoms started.

5. Only one person, in our household, has symptoms and is testing, can everyone else still go to school while we wait for the results? (Updated 2/11/22)

Any person with symptoms should be isolated and stay home until the test results are received.

6. My student is positive, even though they are up-to-date on the vaccine, what should I do? (Updated 2/11/22)

- Contact their medical provider.
- Email their School Nurse.
- The positive person should stay away from others in the home for at least 5 days after symptoms started.
- Any person in the home that is not up-to-date on the vaccine or has not had a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 90 days should stay home for a minimum of 5 days and monitor for symptoms
- If any other student in the household has symptoms, they should stay home and test.

7. When can my student who was tested positive return to school? (Updated 2/11/22)

- Per the current IDPH guidelines, the student that is positive may return to in-person learning on day 6, **if**:
 - Symptoms have resolved
 - Must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication
 - No diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours
 - They **are able to wear a well-fitting mask** correctly and consistently throughout the day around others **and** maintain distance when masks are removed (i.e., lunch).

8. Can my student be sent home if they still have symptoms when they return on day 6 through day 10? (Updated 2/11/22)

Yes, if their symptoms are not resolved, or mostly resolved. If they are unable to **wear a mask** correctly and consistently, or symptoms have not resolved, per the current IDPH guidelines, they may be directed to stay home days 6-10.

- If they have a constant cough, they should stay home until it is better.
- If they have a runny nose that requires multiple mask changes because they are wet with mucus, they should stay home.
- If they cannot concentrate because of the symptom(s) they have, they should continue to stay home.

They **must** be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication and no diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours before they may potentially return for days 6-10.

9. What will happen at lunch when my student returns on days 6-10?

Any student returning on days 6-10, following the current IDPH guidance, will need to keep a distance of 6 feet from others while their mask is removed to eat. Masks should be worn correctly and consistently when not actively eating.

10. Will my student be able to participate in sports or extracurricular activities during days 6-10? (Updated 2/11/22)

Under the current IDPH guidance, a positive person or a close contact **must be able to wear a well-fitting mask properly and sustained throughout the entire activity through the full 10 days**. There are some sports/ activities **where masking cannot be sustained** (i.e. wrestling, tumbling, performances where they need to remove their mask); therefore, your student **may not** be able to participate in certain activities through the full 10 days.

11. My student was a close contact at school, what should we do? (Updated 3/22/22)

IDPH updated the close contact guidelines to align with the CDC. A person that is **up-to-date** on the vaccine (see above), or **has had** COVID-19 (laboratory confirmed) within the last 90 days, and **does not have any symptoms**, may continue to attend school. They should [test on day 5](#) after exposure (last day of exposure is day 0) and should need to wear a well-fitting mask correctly and consistently when around others for 10 days after exposure. If a home test is done, please email Covid@bps101.net and your School Nurse a picture of the test.

A person that is **not up-to-date** on the vaccine should stay home for 5 days after last contact. You do not need to call the attendance line everyday. Your student should **wear** a well-fitting mask correctly and consistently throughout the day **and** maintain distance when masks are removed (i.e., lunch) to help mitigate the spread for a full 10 days after exposure. If they **develop symptoms**, they should stay home and test for COVID-19. If a home test is done, please email Covid@bps101.net and your School Nurse a picture of the test.

12. My student was a close contact at home, what should we do? (Updated 3/22/22)

Due to the increased transmission risk when someone is positive at home, your student should stay home for 5 days and monitor for symptoms. Please let your School Nurse know if you are keeping your student home due to exposure so that their attendance is entered correctly. IDPH strongly encourages anyone that has been exposed to a positive case to test for COVID-19 5 days after exposure and wear a mask indoors and in public for 10 days following exposure or until you receive a negative test result (for school related functions, wear a mask at all times)

13. What type of test should be done? (Updated 3/22/22)

If the person testing has symptoms, a rapid test may be done (including home tests). If a home test is done, please email Covid@bps101.net and your School Nurse a picture of the test.

If there has been a potential exposure, without symptoms, a PCR-based test is recommended. Please email Covid@bps101.net and your School Nurse a picture of the test or the test result.

Test types and more information on testing: [Test for Current Infection](#)

Where can I get a test?

1. Start with their primary care provider
2. IDPH sites (<https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/testing.html>) - there are sites that have SHIELD (saliva based) testing - no exam and no fees
3. Convenient care clinics (may require insurance, unsure about any out of pocket cost, family is responsible for any cost)
 - Northwestern Immediate Care on Church and Bilter
 - Physicians Immediate Care(<https://physiciansimmediatecare.com/covid-19-molecular-testing-2/>)
4. CVS (<https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing>)
5. Walgreens (https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing?ban=covid_vanity_testing)
6. VNA (<https://www.vnahealth.com/covid-19-testing/>)