

| School Status and Decision Making                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>Decision-Making</b>                              | BSD continues to implement the recommendations of the AOE Advisory memos to guide decisions and will make additional decisions about operations balancing alignment with the Champlain Valley Superintendents Association with our local context and the need to create consistency across schools. As of March 14, the AOE has rescinded mask mandates and COVID protocols. We have adopted the Vermont Department of Health <a href="#">Sample school illness policy for possible COVID-19 illness</a> as our operating protocol.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>School Status and Masks</b>                      | Schools have resumed normal operations. Parents, families, and visitors are welcome in our buildings and no longer need to show proof of vaccination. School buildings are open, masking is optional for all, regardless of vaccination status. Students, families, and staff should respect the personal decisions of those around them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Testing and Managing Positive Cases                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Testing in School</b>                            | Those who develop symptoms during the school day should visit the school nurses who will provide a LAMP test (with parent permission) to rule out COVID and use nursing clinical judgment for next steps. If the test is positive, the student will be sent home to isolate for five days. If the test is negative, the nurse will make a clinical decision based on symptoms and health history for each individual case, as outlined in the policy above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Access to Tests</b>                              | If a student does not attend school due to illness, their parent/guardian may access tests by picking them up at school. Staff will be able to access one antigen test kit per week.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Notification</b>                                 | We are planning to continue Daily Close Contact Notifications until further notice; presumptive contacts will continue to have access to antigen tests as outlined in the AOE Test at Home program until then. <i>In general, these notifications only go to impacted schools. However, anyone can <a href="#">sign up to receive all Covid alerts</a>.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Quarantining Guidelines</b>                      | BSD is following the current Vermont Department of Health guidance for <a href="#">close contacts</a> as well as quarantining <a href="#">and isolation</a> after testing positive for COVID.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Stay Home When Sick and Return to School Guidelines |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Stay Home when Sick</b>                          | Staff and students who have symptoms of ANY contagious illness should always stay home from school. These symptoms include fever, diarrhea, and vomiting. Those with multiple Covid <a href="#">symptoms</a> should also STAY HOME. Staff and students may return to school when symptoms improve, and it has been more than 24 hours without fever, diarrhea, or vomiting. While the State is not requiring testing for symptomatic persons to return to school, <i>BSD strongly recommends those with COVID symptoms wait to return to school until they test negative on two rapid tests within 24 hours.</i> (Note: this is not for those who have symptoms and who have tested positive; those who have tested positive do not need a negative test to return: please see below.) |
| <b>Return to School Post COVID-19</b>               | A student or staff member who was COVID positive should return to school after <a href="#">five days of isolation</a> if their symptoms have improved and they have been fever-free for 24+ hours without the use of medication. A negative test is not required to return to school.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Vaccinations                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>COVID Vaccinations</b>                           | COVID vaccinations for students are highly encouraged. Please stay up to date on your booster shots. All BSD staff will be required to be fully vaccinated or test for COVID weekly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Transportation                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Bus</b>                                          | Masks are optional on BSD-provided transportation. Masks remain required on GMT buses, per federal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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