



# Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District

## BBHCSD Strongly Recommends a Review of Quarantine Protocols

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Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

In the spirit of open communications, I write below with some updates relative to COVID-19 and its impact in the district after the first full week of classes. While masks are strongly recommended, and not mandated, as a very significant reminder to our entire school family, please be advised that the district is following the Ohio Department of Health's [Guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in K-12 Classroom Settings](#), which is posted on our [COVID-19 Resources](#) page of the website. This guidance is helping to inform quarantine decisions after a student or adult contact is exposed to someone with COVID-19 in a classroom setting.

Some of those important highlights include the fact that if students and staff are masking, regardless of vaccination status, and are exposed to someone with COVID-19, individuals can safely remain in the normal in-person classroom setting and participate in extracurricular and sport activities as long as they have no symptoms. While masks are not mandated in the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools, please note that individuals who do take the extra precautionary step to wear a mask are not subject to the same Ohio Department of Health quarantine steps, as individuals who choose not to wear a mask.

In the handful of instances where the district has learned about positive COVID-19 cases, a building-wide mask mandate has been prompted that will be re-evaluated after a period of time at Highland, and led to a remote-learning mandate for three classrooms, which will also be re-evaluated after a period of time. We were able to greatly minimize the number of those who were required to quarantine in this case, because individuals chose to wear a mask. In another instance at the Middle School, approximately 8 individuals were quarantined who were not wearing masks and who became exposed to an individual who tested positive for COVID-19. These examples represent two different outcomes of what could happen based on one's propensity to mask. Our continued goal remains to be in-person as safely as possible, but as reported cases have emerged, the district has had to make decisions to keep children safe and reduce the risk of spread. These are the realities of educating our children in a pandemic environment.

Keep in mind that there are other significant protocols that should be reviewed as reminders as well. Once again, please take the time to become familiar with the resources made available by the District, including this Ohio Department of Health [Guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in K-12 Classroom Settings](#), and other valuable information as well.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

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