



Updated Quarantine Guidance for Close Contacts
Effective July 30, 2021

*****Disclaimers*****

- *Fully vaccinated individuals and those that have tested positive for Covid-19 within the last 90 days are not considered close contacts or subject to quarantine. However, it is recommended that fully vaccinated individuals that are exposed to a positive case of Covid-19 get tested 3-5 days after exposure.*
- *In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected person where both students were properly wearing well fitting masks.*
- *If an unvaccinated individual is identified as a close contact to a positive case of Covid-19 within the same household, they must separate from that positive case within the household to follow the guidance listed below for the 7 or 10 day option. In the event that separation within the household is unachievable, a full 14 day quarantine is required from the last exposure to the infected person.*

Listed below are options in which quarantine can be reduced:

7-Day Option (Negative test results required):

Close contact may end quarantine 7 days after exposure if the following conditions are met:

- Close contact has not developed any symptoms during the 7 day quarantine.
- Close contact completed a molecular or antigen based Covid test on Day 5, 6, or 7 and test results were negative (tests prior to day 5 are not acceptable).
- 7 day minimum quarantine is required (regardless of when test results are received).
- Negative test results must be presented to the school nurse after Day 7.
- **It is the responsibility of the student/parent to ensure that student name, test results, type of test, and dates are clearly indicated on the medical form. If not, the student's quarantine must continue.**

10-Day Option (No test required):

Close contact may end quarantine 10 days after exposure if the following conditions are met:

- Close contact has not developed any symptoms during the 10 day quarantine.

14-day Option:

Close contact may return to school after 14 days if they have not developed any symptoms related to COVID-19.

- This option is required for unvaccinated close contacts of a positive case within their household in which separation within the home cannot be achieved.



Updated Isolation Guidance for Positive Cases of Covid-19
Effective July 30, 2021

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- *Regardless of vaccination status, individuals displaying symptoms of Covid-19 are not to report to school or remain in the school setting. These individuals should isolate and be tested for Covid-19.*
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In accordance with the Mississippi Department of Health recommendations, the Biloxi Public School District will follow the guidance listed below in regards to positive cases of Covid-19.

- Individuals who test positive for Covid-19 are to be excluded from the school setting and remain in Isolation for a full 10 days from the onset of symptoms and are fever free for 24 hours (or excluded for 10 days from the date of the test if asymptomatic).
- Asymptomatic individuals with a positive rapid Covid-19 test who have a negative molecular based Covid-19 test within 48 hours of the rapid positive do not require further exclusion and may return to the school setting. This only applies to molecular based tests as the confirmatory testing (i.e., PCR) and does not include antigen tests or antibody tests.