

# Know how to respond to COVID-19 Situations

If any member of the BTA community or a close contact\* experiences any of these symptoms, or has tested positive, they will need to isolate from the school.\*\*



Fever  
Respiratory symptoms (cough, congestion, shortness of breath)  
Body or muscle aches, chills, general malaise, and fatigue (not explained by lack of sleep)  
Sudden loss of taste or smell  
Sore throat (can result from a secondary infection; strep-positive is not a substitute for a negative COVID test)



Headache (usually associated with other symptoms)  
Digestive symptoms (vomiting or diarrhea, usually in children and with other symptoms)  
Unexplained rashes and pinkeye (usually with other symptoms, often secondary as the virus spreads but also can result from touching your eye after touching an infected surface)

*\*Close contacts of a symptomatic or positive individual are defined as anyone within their household or carpool, with whom a person has been in direct physical contact, and with whom a person has been within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes within the past two days.*

If a student, family member, or faculty member, or any close contacts are EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS or RECEIVE A POSITIVE TEST RESULT, then they MUST NOT COME TO THE SCHOOL BUILDING. If they are already in the building, they will be moved to isolation and WILL BE SENT HOME. In all possible COVID-19 situations, the school MUST BE NOTIFIED.

**In all cases, you must receive approval from the COVID-19 Admins before attempting to return to the building (symptomatic, positive, close-contact, or travel).**

Summary of return-to-school guidelines

SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS THAT PROVIDE WRITTEN PHYSICIAN APPROVAL OR WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION OF A NEGATIVE PCR TEST

- Possible return after 24 hours with no fever and/or significant resolution of symptoms.

INDIVIDUALS THAT TEST POSITIVE

- Possible return after 10 days and 24 hours after resolution of symptoms, whichever is longer.

CLOSE CONTACTS

- Possible return after 7 days without symptoms if receive a negative **PCR Test** on or after day 5, or 10 days without testing or symptoms (sooner if the contact tests negative via PCR Test).

INDIVIDUALS THAT TRAVEL OUT-OF-STATE:

- Isolate from the school for 10 days after the date of return to MA. With a negative **PCR test** result for a test taken 3 to 5 days after returning to MA, they may return after 7 days.

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