

**IMPORTANT POLICY UPDATE**  
**January 7, 2022**

This message contains two main components. First, a message from the Clinic regarding communication. The second is a policy update from the COVID Task Force. Please read both for important information regarding our policies and procedures.

Dear Briarwood Families,  
We hope everyone is well. Please know that we are addressing emails and voicemail messages in the order they are received. Due to the large volume of communications it has become difficult to respond as quickly as we would like. We ask for your continued patience and understanding during this time.

If your need is urgent/emergent, please call Briarwood's main line so that your message may be sent to the clinic immediately.

If you are uncertain if your student should be at school due to illness or exposure, the best action is to keep your student home until we are able to address your concerns as they relate to your student, Briarwood's COVID-19 policy and our local health guidelines.

Important: If your student tests positive for COVID-19, please continue to notify the clinic staff via email at [abarnhill@briarwoodschool.org](mailto:abarnhill@briarwoodschool.org), AND the COVID Task Force at [covidtaskforce@briarwoodschool.org](mailto:covidtaskforce@briarwoodschool.org).

If your student is exposed or sick, please continue to notify the clinic staff and attendance.

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Stay well,  
Alyssa Barnhill & Sandra Menard

From the COVID Task Force:

We are providing clarification about which COVID-19 test results are accepted:

\*Lab-confirmed, diagnostic (swab) test - either molecular (RT-PCR) or antigen (rapid) test for acute infection

\*Home tests are not allowed for return to campus clearance.

\*PCR test is preferred; however, rapid antigen test is acceptable.

\*antibody tests are not accepted

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the COVID Task Force at [covidtaskforce@briarwoodschool.org](mailto:covidtaskforce@briarwoodschool.org).

You may also check the following websites for more information about COVID-19:

Center for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Texas Department of State Health Services <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/>

Houston Health Department <https://www.houstontx.gov/health/>

Stay safe and well,

**The Briarwood School COVID Task Force**

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