

COVID PROTOCOL 2022-2023

Bishop Dunne COVID Protocols August 2022

Please read the follow and follow the protocols. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Marchiony (mmarchiony@bdcs.org).

My student is a close contact of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19:

- If your student *is not* experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, they may continue to attend school and participate in school activities.
- The use of high-quality, well-fitting masks (N95/KN95) is strongly encouraged for anyone with a known exposure to COVID-19.
- If your student begins experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 while at home, please keep them home from school and notify the clinic staff. If your student experiences symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day, they should report to the school clinic for evaluation. A parent/guardian will be contacted if testing is indicated, and/or if it is determined that the student should return home.

My student has tested positive for COVID-19:

- Notify the Bishop Dunne of your student's positive test by emailing Mrs. Marchiony (mmarchiony@bdcs.org) and Ms. Owens (aowens@bdcs.org).
- Email a copy or photograph of your student's positive test result to the clinic staff
- Parents/Guardians of students who test positive for COVID-19 will receive instructions from the clinic staff regarding a specific isolation timeline and test-to-return protocols for their student.

Bishop Dunne protocols for ending isolation and test-to-return strategies for individuals who have had COVID-19:

- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19, with or without symptoms, should isolate at home for at least 5 days.
 - To calculate the 5-day isolation period for symptomatic individuals, day 0 is the first day of symptoms. Day 1 is the first full day *after* symptoms developed.
 - To calculate the 5-day isolation period for asymptomatic individuals, day 0 is the day of the positive test – the day the individual was tested - and day 1 is the first full day *after* the specimen was collected for the positive test.

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- To end isolation and return to school on day 6, the individual must meet the following criteria
 - Fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
 - Overall improvement in symptoms.
 - The individual receives a negative result on a rapid antigen COVID test, performed on day 6 and confirmed by a member of the Bishop Dunne clinic staff. A copy or photograph of the test result should be emailed Mrs. Marchiony (mmarchiony@bdcs.org) **prior to** the student's return to campus.
- If an individual receives a positive test result on day 6, they should remain in isolation. They may continue to test every 24 hours after day 6 and can end isolation when the test result is negative, or after 10 days of isolation, whichever occurs first.
- Students in isolation for COVID-19 will be able to remain current with schoolwork and homework through Plus Portals and Teams. Students in isolation should remain in contact with their teachers via email and Teams throughout their absence from school.