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# Byron Area Schools

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Dear Byron Area Schools Families,

As we head back to reality after Spring Break, I wanted to take a moment to update you on some news and information from our schools.

Upon return from Spring Break, Byron Area Schools will no longer be contact tracing COVID cases. This is a direct result for regulation changes. The graphic below best illustrates the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) isolation and quarantine guidance in this post-surge recovery phase. Let's hope COVID numbers continue to stay as low as they are now!

	Who is Impacted	Public Health Recommendations
<b>Isolation</b> Has COVID-19	Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 and/or displays COVID-19 symptoms (without an alternate diagnosis or negative COVID-19 test) regardless of vaccination status.	 Isolate at home for 5 days; and  If symptoms have improved or no symptoms developed, may leave isolation after day 5 and wear a well-fitted mask, for 5 more days (ending after day 10).* If positive with no symptoms, monitor for symptoms for 10 days as well.
<b>Quarantine</b> Exposed to COVID-19	Personal or household contact, regardless of vaccination status, exposed to someone with COVID-19 (see definition below).	 Monitor symptoms for 10 days.  Test 3-7 days after exposure or if symptoms develop.  Wear a mask around others for 10 days after exposure.**  Avoid unmasked activities or activities with higher risk of exposing vulnerable individuals.***
	Other exposure (from community, social, work setting).	 Monitor symptoms for 10 days.  Test if symptoms develop.  Consider wearing a mask around others for 10 days after exposure; at a minimum, mask in settings with higher risk of exposing vulnerable individuals.***

\* If a mask cannot be worn, recommend 10 days of home isolation.  
 \*\* If a mask cannot be worn, individual should home quarantine for 10 days. A Test to Stay protocol may also be developed in partnership between school and local health department.  
 \*\*\* Activities with immunocompromised or other high-risk individuals, social/recreational activities in congregate settings.  
**Personal/household contacts** include individuals who share living spaces, including bedrooms, bathrooms, living room and kitchens. It also includes those who live together, sleep over, carpool or have direct exposure to respiratory secretions from a positive individual. This would include exposure in childcare settings for those under 2 years of age.



It is wonderful to have our students back in the buildings today. These weeks after Spring Break will be a whirlwind as the 2021-2022 academic year begins to wind down. We welcome the better weather, flowers, and sunshine Spring brings as well!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jan Amsterburg  
Interim Superintendent