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Dear Bonita Unified families,

COVID-19 cases are on the rise with the emergence of the Omicron variant. Our District has seen a surge in cases during winter break, with many students and staff testing positive for COVID-19.

As cases continue to rise, health and safety protocols will continue to evolve. Below are the latest updates from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) regarding quarantine protocols, district mitigation strategies, and increased testing opportunities.

Quarantine Protocol Updates

[Per LACDPH](#), if you have come in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you are exempt from quarantine if you have no symptoms *and* are either fully vaccinated and boosted or are fully vaccinated but not yet eligible for a booster. While exempt from quarantine, you are still required to get tested and follow other protocols established by LACDPH.

Students who are not exempt from quarantine and have no symptoms are still eligible to attend school under the modified quarantine protocols that were in use before winter break. Students attending school under modified quarantine must test twice during the week of quarantine and cannot participate in extra-curricular activities during the quarantine period.

If you have come in close contact with a COVID-19 positive person, but are not up-to-date on your COVID-19 vaccines (i.e. fully vaccinated and boosted or fully vaccinated but not booster-eligible), then you must quarantine for at least five days and follow the exposure protocols established by LACDPH.

Additional information is being developed and will be available on the District website [Updates on COVID-19](#) page.

According to LACDPH, you are a “close contact” if you were exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 while they were infectious if:

- You were within six feet of someone with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

- You came into direct contact with secretions from someone with COVID-19 (i.e. via a cough or sneeze, sharing utensils or cups, etc.)

We know the new quarantine rules may prompt questions and we are here to answer them. Please call our Student Services Office at (909) 971-8200 x5321.

District COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies

In light of these new protocols and rising COVID cases, Bonita Unified is focused on exposure management efforts that will not only support the health and safety of our students, teachers and staff but also aim to ensure our students can remain in school and continue to engage in meaningful in-person learning.

Therefore, the District will implement the following mitigation strategies, effective Wednesday, January 5 to Friday, January 28:

- Volunteers will not be permitted on BUSD campuses
- In-person PTA activities are suspended
- IEPs/504s will be conducted via Zoom unless accommodations are required due to unique circumstances

The District will continue to review these restrictions and will provide updates as needed.

Additional Testing Opportunities

For the month of January, Bonita Unified is expanding the days/hours of our COVID-19 testing clinic for students. All necessary paperwork can be filled out in person for the testing clinics. **The clinic, held at the District Office, will provide students with same-day, rapid antigen tests from 2 to 6 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.**

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We will continue to provide updates as new information becomes available. Thank you to our Bonita Unified students, teachers, staff and families for your continued diligence regarding COVID-19 protocols and commitment to supporting the health and safety of our community. With your partnership, we will continue to ensure our schools remain open and that our students can keep excelling in their academics, athletics, arts and activities.

Sincerely,



Carl J. Coles
Superintendent