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West Baton Rouge Parish Plan

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Safety Protocols

1. Face Coverings are optional.
2. Hand Washing and respiratory etiquette:
 - Students will wash their hands and or will use hand sanitizer regularly
 - Students and employees will use their elbow to cover the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
3. Schools will clean surfaces to reduce the risk of germs spreading by touching surfaces.
4. Social Distancing of three feet or more will be maintained wherever possible.
 - Students will be encouraged to remain apart at entry/exit points and during transitions to the maximum extent possible.
5. Employees and Students will be encouraged to stay home if they are sick.
 - Students and school staff should stay home if they are ill or symptomatic.
 - If a student or staff member has a fever or vomiting, they will be required to go home.
 - Symptomatic students will be isolated until a parent arrives.
 - Students may be required to present a doctor's release to return to school.

COVID Testing Guidelines:

Anyone with COVID symptoms, regardless of vaccination status, should be tested for COVID.

If a rapid antigen test is negative, a symptomatic person should seek confirmatory PCR testing.

- If confirmatory testing is negative, they can return to school as long as they meet return-to-school requirements (e.g., 24 hours fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medication).
- If confirmatory testing is positive, the symptomatic person has COVID and should complete at-home isolation.

Note: The medical clinics at Port Allen High School and Brusly Middle School are able to test for COVID-19 and get results within 24 hours.

Positive COVID Case Guidelines

Individuals with a confirmed COVID case would not return to school until the following "end of self-isolation criteria" are met.

- Day 0 is the day symptoms began or, if asymptomatic, the day the person took a test that had a positive result.
- Day 1 is the day after the symptoms began, or if a person does not have symptoms, the day after the person tested positive (use the date the test sample was collected.)
- Stay home for 5 days.
- If symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can return to school.
 - If you continue to have a fever or your other symptoms have not improved after 5 days, you should stay in isolation until you are fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and your other symptoms have improved.
- Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days (i.e., through Day 10).

General Guidelines:

Regardless of vaccination status, if you were **EXPOSED** to COVID-19 start the following precautions immediately:

- Wear a mask as soon as you find out you were exposed (start counting from day 1)
 - DAY 0 = the day you are exposed
 - DAY 1 = the first full day after your exposure
- Continue to wear a mask for 10 days
- Take precautions:
 - Any time you are around others in your home or indoors in public
 - Take extra precautions if you will be around anyone who are more likely to get really sick from COVID-19

Watch for symptoms:

- fever (100.4°F or greater)
- cough
- shortness of breath
- other COVID-19 symptoms

If you develop symptoms:

- isolate immediately
- get tested
- stay home until you know the result

TESTING is recommended (per CDC) after 5 full days of exposure

- Test even if you don't develop symptoms.
- If you already had COVID-19 within the past 90 days, see [specific testing recommendations](#).

IF YOU TEST:

- NEGATIVE = Continue taking precautions through day 10
- Wear a high-quality mask when around others at home and indoors in public
- You can still develop COVID-19 up to 10 days after you have been exposed
- POSITIVE = Isolate immediately

Source: *What to Do If You Were Exposed to COVID-19*. (2022, August). CDC. Retrieved August 16, 2022, from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/if-you-were-exposed.html>

Employee Protocol

To keep our employees and students safe, employees will follow the guidelines listed above.

- Employees will need to contact their supervisor if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID, test positive for COVID, or have direct, close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID.
- Employees must use regular paid sick days if they test positive and must quarantine.

The West Baton Rouge Parish School District will continue to work with medical professionals including the medical clinics on the Brusly Middle and Port Allen High campuses to provide guidance.