

FAQ's – September 7, 2021

1. *What is the face covering order and how will it be implemented in the Berlin Brothersvalley School District?*
The order from the Department of Health requires masking for all students and staff as indicated in Section 2 of the Order from the Department of Health: "Each teacher child/student, or visitor working, attending, or visiting a School Entity shall wear a face covering indoors, regardless of vaccination status, except as Set forth in Section 3."
2. *How is BBSD handling face covering exemptions per Section 3?*
The current order does not require a physician's note. Parents may submit exemptions in compliance with Section 3 of the Order upon the form created by the District.
3. *What is considered a proper face covering?*
Section 1 of the Order states the following: "Alternative to a face covering may include a plastic shield that covers the nose and mouth, extends below the chin and to the ears, and leave s no exposed gap between the forehead and the shield's headpiece."
4. *Does the face covering order for facilities apply to spectator attendance at indoor events?*
Section 4 of the Order indicates the following: "Require and enforce the requirement that all teachers, children/students, staff, and visitors (subject to the exceptions in Section 3) wear a face covering indoors, regardless of whether this Order is reflected in a school entity's Health and Safety Plan."
5. *Are students still required to wear face coverings on the busses?*
Section 5 of the Order states: "This Order shall not impact the obligation of any School Entity to comply with requirements issued by the CDC, including requirements for masking on public transportation conveyances, such as school district transportation."
6. *If my child/student wears a face covering, while in the school, will they be required to quarantine?*
Children/students in the K-12 classroom setting who were within 3-6 feet of an infected student and both the infected student and exposed student correctly and consistently wore well-fitting face coverings the entire time, they will not be required to quarantine.
Scenario: If a child/student who is wearing a face covering sits next to an infected student who is not wearing a face covering, this would result in both students being quarantined.
7. *What are the quarantining recommendations after a COVID-19 antibody test?*
Definition: "Antibody tests look for antibodies in blood to determine if a person has had a past infection with the virus that caused COVID-19."

Persons who test positive for COVID-19 antibodies do not need to quarantine following a known exposure if the following criteria are met:

- 1. The person is in a low risk situation (e.g., no contact with persons at high risk of COVID-19 severe illness for 14 days); AND,***
- 2. The person remains asymptomatic/AND,***
- 3. The person had a known exposure and has had a positive antibody test during the 3 months prior to the exposure/OR,***
- 4. The person receives a positive antibody test within 7 days following an exposure.***

8. How long will masks be required in schools?

Section 6 of the Order indicates the following: "This Order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on September 7, 2021, and shall remain in effect until otherwise terminated."