



Government of Bermuda
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

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Dear System Leaders,

Ref: Updated Quarantine Policy for Schools

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to help to keep school environments safe.

Following consultation with the Ministry of Health, I am pleased to provide revisions to the Quarantine Policy for Schools which are effective immediately.

Vaccinated Positive Cases

- Quarantine for 7 days with a test out with a certified Lateral Flow Test (LFT).

Unvaccinated Positive Cases

- Quarantine for 10 days with a test out with a certified LFT.

Close Contacts

- **Vaccinated:** No need to quarantine but monitor symptoms and test daily with LFT for 7-days. (Results are to be uploaded to a form that system leaders will be able to access.)
- **Previously positive (3 months max):** No quarantine unless there is suspicion of a new variant. Monitor symptoms and test daily with LFT for 7-days.
- **Unvaccinated:** Students participating in the antigen/ weekly saliva screening program will take a PCR Test, and if negative, return to class. Monitor symptoms, continue to participate in weekly saliva/Antigen screening and test daily with LFT for 7-days.
- **Unvaccinated:** Students not participating in an antigen/weekly saliva screening program will be required to quarantine for 10 days.
- **7-Day Antigen Testing Reporting Form for Close Contacts** – this form has been created to enable monitoring of Close Contacts. System leaders will be provided with more information soon.

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Casual Contacts

- Casual Contacts - If you are a casual contact you should make sure you know the symptoms of coronavirus and be aware that you may develop them. You do not need to restrict your movements, but continue to follow the public health guidance, as published on www.gov.bm/coronavirus. If you develop symptoms of coronavirus, you will need to self-isolate and phone your GP straight away for advice

The Commissioner of Education will discuss the implementation of the updated Quarantine Policy with System Leaders on Thursday, 3rd March. You can also expect to receive an email from the Government's Forms team providing registration and log in instructions to access the results from the 7-day antigen tests.

Additionally, please note, anyone currently under the previous guidelines can be moved into these new guidelines, effective immediately.

Lastly, I know that you are awaiting the revised COVID-19 Phases for schools to be issued. I thank you for your submissions as they were all very useful. There are some last-minute reviews taking place, but we hope to release the document shortly.

Thank you for your patience as we work to strike the right balance between keeping our schools safe and living with COVID-19.

Sincerely,



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