

The danger from COVID has diminished over the last few months, but COVID is still a potential threat to our students and to the Bowman staff. While the CDC has relaxed their recommendations, a positive COVID test or exposure to someone who has tested positive will be taken seriously, and the following guidelines will be rigorously followed.

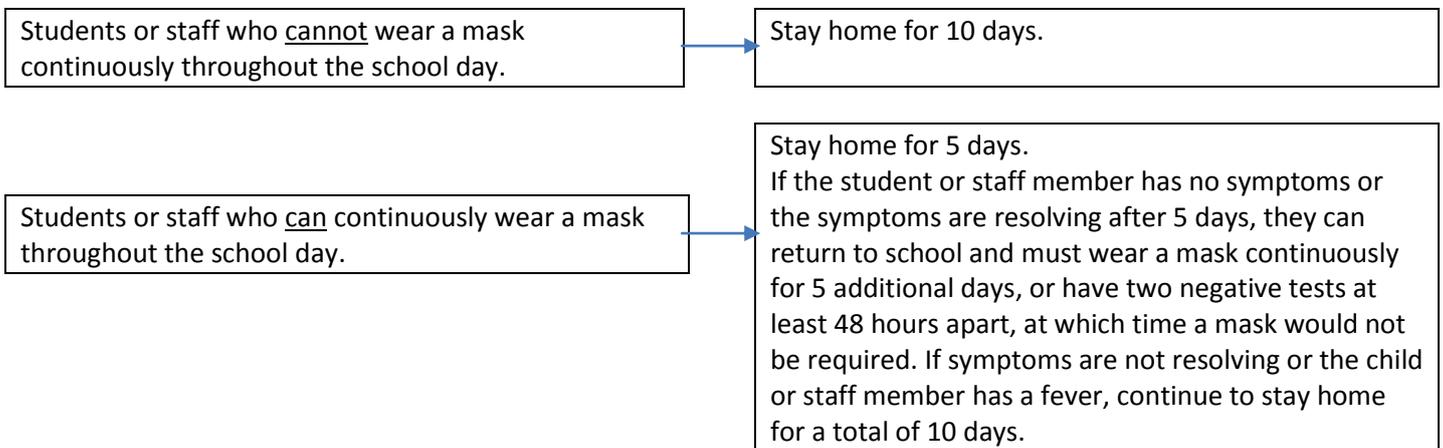
Students or Staff who experience symptoms of COVID

Any student or staff experiencing COVID-19 symptoms is required to stay home from school until symptoms have passed. If a student begins to experience these symptoms during the school day, parents will be notified immediately and asked to bring their child home and contact their physician.

<u>COVID-19 Symptoms</u>		
shortness of breath	frequent diarrhea	persistent headache
persistent cough or fever	nausea	abnormal muscle or body aches
persistent congestion or runny nose	vomiting	recent loss of taste or smell
persistent sore throat		

Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 (Regardless of Vaccination Status)

- Any student or staff member with a confirmed case of COVID-19 must immediately notify the School Director, Melissa Young at 813-220-8058
- The School Director will individually notify any students or school-related personnel who may have been exposed according to the CDC's close proximity guidelines.
- The name of any individual with a confirmed COVID-19 case will not be released.



Students and Staff Who Have Been Exposed to Someone Who Has COVID

If a positive case of COVID-19 is identified at school, parents and staff will be notified immediately. The student or staff member who tested positive will follow the guidelines listed above.

All students and staff who were exposed to someone with COVID-19 may continue to attend school if they are free of symptoms. If symptoms develop after exposure, the student or staff member will stay home and contact their physician, and they must test negative prior to returning to school. All students and staff members must test on day 5 after exposure.

Bowman Academy reports all infectious diseases to the Health Department and Child Care Licensing. The Health Department has the authority to close a class or the school at its discretion.