

# BSNBCS Plan for COVID-19 Testing for Students and Staff

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## Monitoring

### Screening

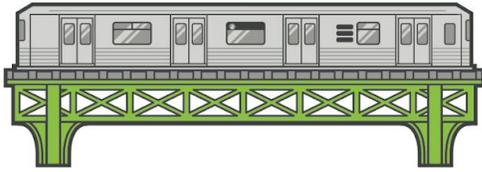
BSNBCS will implement mandatory health screenings, including temperature checks, of students, faculty, staff, and, where applicable, contractors, vendors, and visitors.

BSNBCS will conduct temperature checks for individuals every day before entering any school facility. Parents will be encouraged to monitor their children for fever, cough, and shortness of breath prior to leaving home for school. Staff will be encouraged to call-in sick if they have fever, cough or shortness of breath and will be provided staff Paid Time Off (PTO) to receive a health screening from their physician should they have symptoms of COVID-19.

As a part of the BSNBCS daily screening process, parents are required to do an observation each day/morning to observe signs of illness in their child, prior to sending them to school.

According to the Center for Disease Control, COVID-19 symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue



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- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Parents whose child displays any of the symptoms above must adhere to the following protocol:

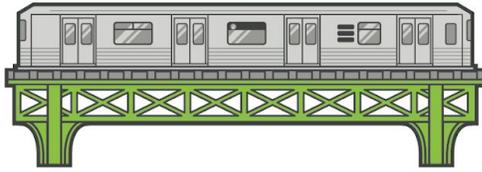
- 1) Students with COVID-19 symptoms should stay home from school.
- 2) Parents should call BSNBCS main office or email [covid-info@bsnbcs.org](mailto:covid-info@bsnbcs.org) describing their symptoms.
- 3) The school will provide information regarding access to testing for the student and the provision of remote instruction and resources for the child while they are sick and being monitored.
- 4) Parents should report two negative test results conducted a minimum of 24 hours apart prior to returning their child to school, or follow isolation protocols as recommended by local health agencies and/or the Center for Disease Control.

BSNBCS will ensure that personnel performing in-person screening activities are appropriately protected from exposure. All personnel who are doing temperature checks will be provided with a face covering, face shield and gloves.

BSNBCS will implement protocols for caring for a student, faculty, staff member or guest who develops COVID-19 symptoms during the school day, including:

- Referral to the on-site Department of Health nurse;
- Creating a dedicated Isolation Room (IR) to separate students, faculty, or staff with symptoms of COVID-19 from others until they can go home or to a healthcare facility, depending on severity of illness;
- Plans to ensure that symptomatic students waiting to be picked up remain under the visual supervision of a staff member who is physically distanced;
- PPE requirements for school health office staff caring for sick individuals, which must include both standard and transmission-based precautions; and
- Required cleaning and disinfection of spaces visited by the sick individual.

BSNBCS will use a daily screening questionnaire for faculty and staff reporting to school; and periodically use a questionnaire for students, particularly younger students, who may require the



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assistance of their parent/legal guardian to answer. The questionnaire will determine whether the individual has:

- Knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19;
- Tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 14 days;
- Has experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of greater than 100.0°F, in the past 14 days; and/or
- Has traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the New York State Travel Advisory in the past 14 days.

Visitors to BSNBCS will be asked to complete a brief questionnaire similar to that developed by the NYC Health Department for the screening of employees. As a part of the questionnaire, visitors will be asked to check in and provide information necessary for contact tracing, in case they or another individual in the building later tests positive for COVID-19. Once this has been completed by the visitor, they may be cleared to enter and conduct their business within the building

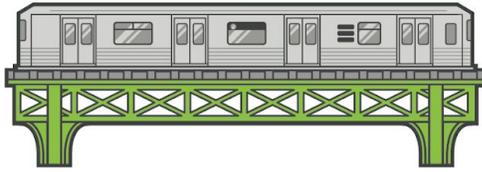
When made aware of travel to jurisdictions with high COVID-19 transmission rate, BSNBCS will reinforce with students, staff or visitors, that a quarantine may be required after international travel or travel within certain states with widespread community transmission of COVID-19, per applicable New York State Travel Advisories.

BSNBCS will ensure that any adult or supervised child who screens positive for COVID-19 exposure or symptoms, or who presents with a temperature greater than 100.0°F, will not be allowed to enter the school if screened outside, and will be immediately sent home with instructions to contact their healthcare provider for assessment and testing.

- BSNBCS will immediately notify the state and local health department about the case if diagnostic test results are positive for COVID-19, via phone and/or electronic correspondence.
- Students sent home because of a positive screen will be immediately separated from other students and supervised in the Isolation Room until picked up.

Should students require asthma-related acute respiratory treatment care, our Department of Health nurse will be provided masks, gloves, face shields and tyvek suits, as needed, using up to date standard of care.

In case of a staff or student positive test, BSNBCS will develop plans with local health departments to trace all contacts of the individual, in accordance with the New York State



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Contact Tracing Program. Confidentiality will be maintained as required by federal/state law/regulations.

BSNBCS will ensure that reporting plans are in place for individuals who are alerted that they have come into close or proximate contact with a person with COVID-19. BSNBCS will implement the process if/when COVID-19 cases are discovered, including closing areas/classes where individuals were infected, or the entire school in consultation with the local health department.

BSNBCS will implement requirements for determining when individuals, particularly students, who screened positive for COVID-19 symptoms can return to the in-person learning environment. This returning to learning protocol will require documentation from a healthcare provider evaluation, two negative COVID-19 tests conducted minimally 24 hours apart, and symptom resolution, or if COVID-19 positive, release from isolation. Should additional requirements be made by the NYC Department of Health or New York State Department of Health, BSNBCS will implement plans accordingly.

In order to identify individuals who may have COVID-19 or who may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus, contractors, vendors, and visitors will be required to follow the procedures above for temperature screenings, PPE and health checks.

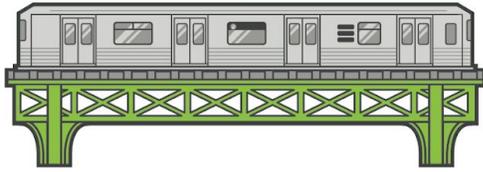
## Testing protocols

BSNBCS does not provide regular daily testing for asymptomatic individuals. For individuals with COVID-19 symptoms, BSNBCS will provide a referral for diagnostic testing for students, faculty, and staff, in consultation with local health department officials, including its assigned NYCDOH School Nurse, to a local agency, or health providers. BSNBCS will provide a list of local testing sites to any individual with symptoms, to facilitate their swift testing and diagnosis.

As needed, BSNBCS will refer individuals to the appropriate healthcare provider or city agency to support prompt testing of symptomatic individuals, close contacts of COVID-19 suspected or confirmed individuals, and individuals with recent international travel or travel within a state with widespread transmission of COVID-19 as designated through the New York State Travel Advisory, before allowing such individuals to return to in-person to the school. As needed, BSNBCS may contract with a diagnostic testing organization should data or circumstances support such a decision.

## Testing Responsibility

BSNBCS will consult with its assigned NYCDOH nurse to determine which staff and students should be referred for COVID-19 tests. COVID-19 testing is available across New York City and



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unless determined otherwise by NYCDOH, students and staff will continue to use their own doctors or clinics/hospitals of their choice.

In the event that large-scale testing at the school is needed, the Executive Director, or designee, is responsible for referring and sourcing such tests for members of the school community in partnership with local authorities via local health department testing sites, physician offices, or hospital systems. The school will follow directions from NYCDOH regarding where testing should happen and communication to the school community.