

Blackfoot School District COVID-19 F.A.Q. for Parents

Which school officials should I contact if my student tests positive for COVID-19?

We would ask that you contact your student's school to share the results of a positive test result. We would prefer you speak with the building administrator, but we realize that is not always possible. The school secretary would also be considered a reasonable person with which this information could be shared. Once this information is received by the school, the district has a protocol to handle this information.

If I have multiple children attending different schools in the district, and one of my children tests positive, do all of them need to quarantine?

Southeastern Idaho Public Health has recently issued guidance that household members, i.e. spouses, children, siblings, are considered close contact. Therefore, we are asking individuals who are identified as close contacts, and have not worn a face covering during that contact, follow the guidance of quarantining for the recommended 14 days.

If a student is in quarantine, can they still participate in or attend extra-curricular activities?

The Blackfoot School District considers proper quarantine protocol to be self-isolation at the home residence during the quarantine period. This means a student identified as a close contact will not be allowed to participate, nor attend, extra-curricular activities. Please see Blackfoot School District quarantine guidelines within our Response Plan for reference.

We would like our situation to remain confidential. How can I ensure this will happen?

The Blackfoot School District never releases the name of confirmed cases, nor names of identified close contacts. We must admit many people close to the situation will likely be able to "connect the dots", but the district does its very best to keep this information confidential.

What is the best way for my student to stay caught up with schoolwork during a quarantine period?

Communication with the school administration and teachers is the best way to ensure your student will stay caught up during a quarantine period. We have asked our staff to be extremely patient and flexible during these times. If you are not experiencing that, please speak with the building administrator to facilitate a solution to your experience.

What is the district's attendance policy and is it flexible if my student needs to quarantine?

The district's enforcement of our attendance policy will be extremely flexible this year. Please understand, we still maintain the need to inform parents of absences throughout the school year. Please do not be upset should you receive a letter sharing with you the number of absences for your student. We will not penalize any student who has excessive absences due to COVID-19 related issues.

If my student has been tested for COVID-19, but the results haven't been received, can my student come to school?

The district feels if the situation is such that testing is called for, then the student should remain home until test results are received.

How long does my student need to quarantine?

The Blackfoot School District has adopted the following as quarantine procedures:

Close contact quarantine procedures

The Blackfoot School District strongly encourages the wearing of face coverings by students and staff when, and where, proper social distancing is not possible. The District Administration will take into consideration the wearing of a face covering when making decisions for the quarantine of identified close contacts. The District Administration will also share the preferred recommendation from Southeastern Idaho Public Health. The District Administration will follow the procedures below.

Any confirmed positive COVID-19 case will be required to follow any and all recommendations given by their health care provider and/or Southeastern Idaho Public Health.

Did the confirmed case wear a face covering?	Did the close contact wear a face covering?	District recommended quarantine procedures for close contact
Yes	Yes	Self-monitor for symptoms & continue to wear face covering
Yes	No	Quarantine for 14-days since last exposure
No	Yes	Quarantine for 7-days since last exposure & continue to wear face covering upon return
No	No	Quarantine for 14-days since last exposure