



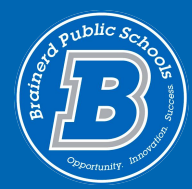
COVID-19 Update for SY 2021-22

School Board Meeting 1/24/22



Overview for Presentation

- Proposed Phased Plan for when to move from required face coverings to strongly recommend face coverings
- What data to use to make these recommendations
- Review mitigation strategies if cases increase
- Overview of our current District Data
- Review of change to CDC Quarantine Guidance
- Testing options and face coverings



Phased Plan for Face Covering Recommendation

Phases	Face Covering Strongly Recommended	Date
Phase 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 9-12 After School Activities	November 10, 2021
Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Community facility use (non-school sponsored)● 5-8 After School Activities	To Be Determined 
Phase 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 9-12 students during the school day	To Be Determined
Phase 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 5-8 students during the school day	To Be Determined
Phase 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● EC-4 students during the school day● Targeted Services● Fun & Friends program● ECCE activities	To Be Determined



When to Move from Required Face Coverings to Strongly Recommend Face Coverings

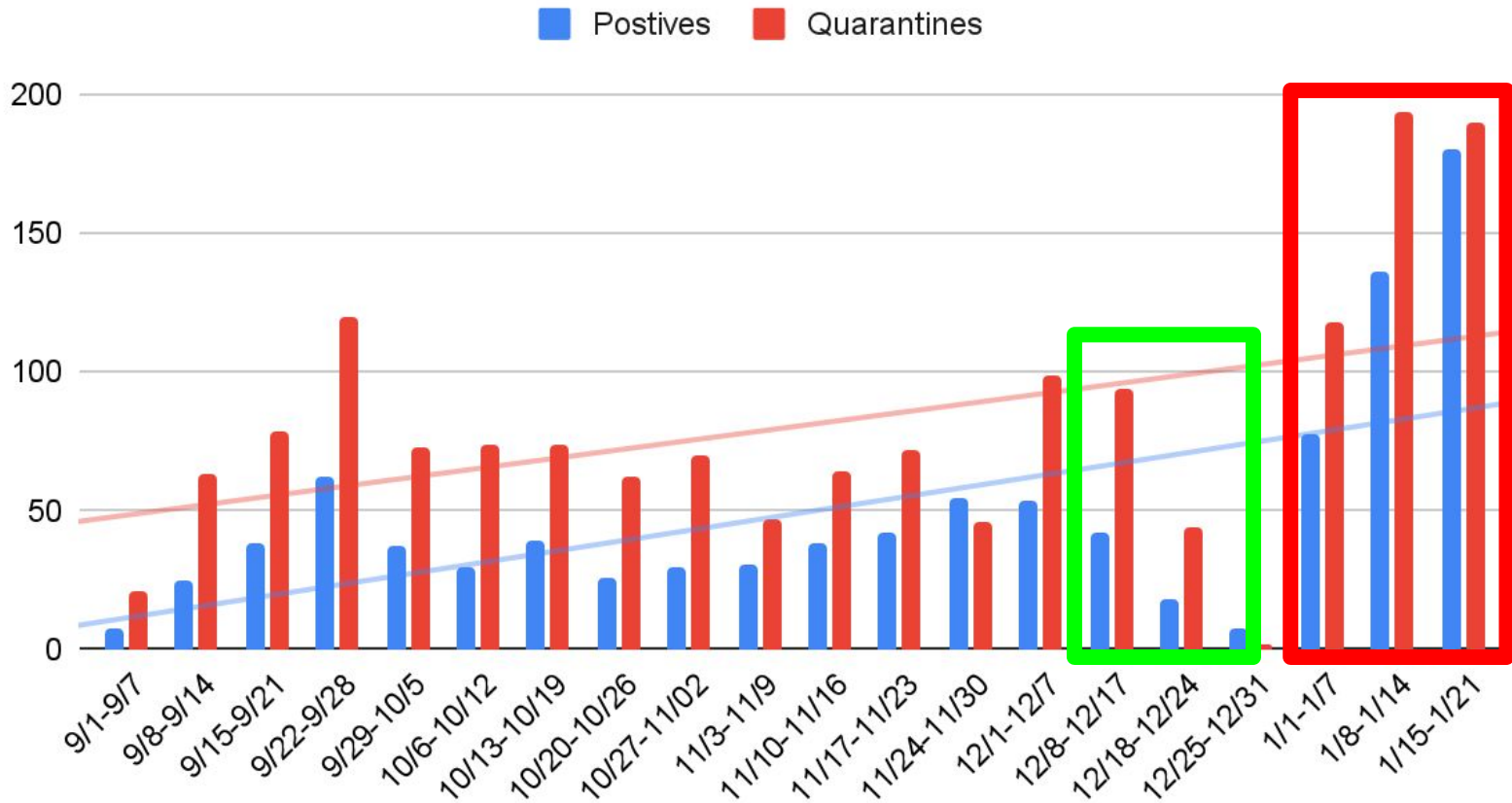
- Focus on district specific data = The number of positive cases per week

Minimal /Low Transmission 0-19.99*	Moderate Transmission 20-49.99*	High Transmission 50+*
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- When cases decline below 50, for three consecutive weeks (decreasing trend) move to next level of phased plan. If cases continue to decline, face coverings may be removed for additional level(s).
- With increasing trend while remaining under 50; movement on phased plan will be paused.
- With increasing trend over 50; consider additional mitigation measures - requiring face coverings, quarantining classrooms, grade level, buildings/programs with high numbers

* Actual weekly positive cases in Brainerd Public Schools

Overall District - Students and Staff



Week of January 15 - January 21, 2022

Total Staff	Total Students	Total of Both	
947	6374	7321	
Staff Positive (Cumulative)	Student Positive (Cumulative)	Both Positive (Cumulative)	
187	911	1098	
Staff Positive (Current Week)	Student Positive (Current Week)	Both Positive (Current Week)	Both Positive (Prior Week)
38	142	180	136
Staff Quarantined (Cumulative)	Student Quarantined (Cumulative)	Both Quarantined (Cumulative)	
44	1,492	1,536	
Staff Quarantined (Current Week)	Student Quarantined (Current Week)	Both Quarantined (Current Week)	
0	190	190	
Total County Cases Per 10,000	Total District Cases Per 10,000		
132.2	231.3		



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Transmission
0-19.99***

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50+***

[Please click here to view the archived weekly charts.](#)



CDC Positive Case Quarantine Update

Brainerd Public Schools adopted the reduced isolation/quarantine period for positive cases on Tuesday, January 11, 2022.

Students and Staff are receiving direct guidance from the the District or physician regarding specific quarantine timelines.

5-day quarantine: Students are unable to participate in athletics until 10 day period ends (MSHSL).

Students and Staff are also required to wear face coverings until 10 day period ends.

Calculating Isolation

Day 0 is your first day of symptoms or a positive viral test. **Day 1 is the first full day after your symptoms developed or your test specimen was collected.** If you have COVID-19 or have symptoms, isolate for at least 5 days.

IF YOU

Tested positive for COVID-19 or have symptoms, regardless of vaccination status

Stay home for at least 5 days

Stay home for 5 days and [isolate](#) from others in your home.

Wear a well-fitted mask if you must be around others in your home.

Ending isolation if you had symptoms

[End isolation after 5 full days](#) if you are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and your symptoms are improving.

Ending isolation if you did NOT have symptoms

[End isolation after at least 5 full days](#) after your positive test.

If you were severely ill with COVID-19

You should isolate for at least 10 days. [Consult your doctor before ending isolation.](#)

Take precautions until day 10

Wear a mask

Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days any time you are around others inside your home or in public. Do not go to places where you are unable to wear a mask.

Avoid travel

Avoid being around people who are at high risk



COVID Response Team considerations for isolated classroom or program positive case clusters/absences

- Not tied to District face covering protocols/phases
- Used since March, 2020 to identify potential spread within classroom/program

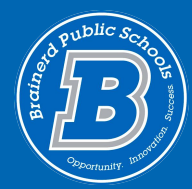
Mitigation Strategies for Increased Positive Cases in Isolated Classrooms or Programs

	Minimum-Low	Moderate	High
COVID-19 Positive Cases within Isolated Groups (classroom, student group, grade level)	Minimal or no cases in a classroom, grade-level, building, or student group 0-2 cases in a classroom or student group with less than 30 students	A few cases in a classroom or student group, various cases in a grade-level or building 2-3 cases in a classroom or student group with less than 30 students	Multiple cases in a classroom or student group, many cases in a grade-level or building More than 3 cases in a classroom or student group with less than 30 students

Elementary, WESB, WELC	Decisions can be made at classroom, grade and building level
Middle School	Decisions can be made at the grade and building level
High School	Decision can only be made at building level
BLC, LEC	Decisions can be made at classroom level or program level

Additional considerations that will affect decision making:

- Number of symptomatic students in a classroom or student groups.
- Number of student absences.
- Family/household positives vs. isolated student/staff positives.
- Facecoverings on transportation, including school buses, will be required by a federal mandate through March 18, 2022



Live Dashboard

Our Live Dashboard link is on the district web site under the COVID page (updated each Wednesday).

[Click here to go directly to the page.](#)

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COVID-19

Frequently Asked Questions

COVID-19 Response Plan

COVID Dashboard

Updated Weekly on Wednesdays

Week of October 25 - October 31, 2021			
Total Staff	Total Students	Total of Both	
947	6374	7321	
Staff Positive (10 cases total)	Student Positive (10 cases total)	Both Positive (10 cases total)	



Crow Wing County COVID Data

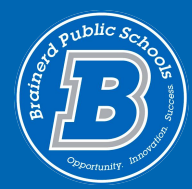
Dates	10/31-11/13	11/7 - 11/20	11/14-11/27	11/21-12/4	11/28-12/11	12/5-12/18	12/12-12/25	12/19 - 1/1	12/26 - 1/8	1/2 - 1/15
New cases	551	552	571	602	563	436	392	459	774	844
New cases 0-18 years	93	88	84	93	72	63	67	73	103	109
Hospitalized during dates	23	35	41	37	19	17	23	25	20	23
Deaths reported during dates	5	1	3	7	4	7	5	7	8	5
# Cases per 10,000	86.2	86.4	89.4	94.3	89	68.3	61.2	71.9	121.2	132.2

Based on Crow Wing County Population of 63,855

14-day case rate per 10,000 people by date of specimen collection

2018 American Community Survey 5-year estimates from the US Census bureau

Highlighted fields have been update from what was reported 1/14/2022



Testing Resources

- Rapid tests available for students and staff (2 boxes total - some additional tests may be distributed due to emergencies)
- Can pick up for from any building nurse
- District now has limited BiNax Now tests, and will be accessing BD Veritor tests - (Smart device required for BD Veritor Test)
- Communication about Tests and Quarantine changes went out to all staff and families on 1.14.22
- Free rapid testing is available every Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. at Central Lakes College