



Plan to return more students to In person learning Spring 2021

Presentation to School Committee

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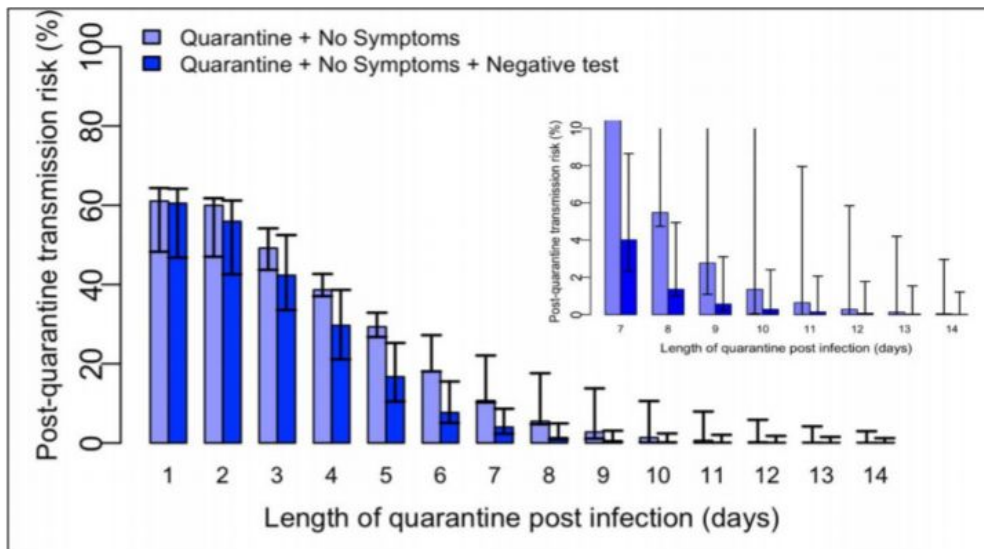


Health and Safety:

- Updated Quarantine Guidance (based on [RIDOH Outbreak Response Protocols: Pre K-12 Playbook](#) Version 2.2-Update March 11, 2021)
- BWRSD Onsite BINAX Testing (Required for athletes, encouraged for all other students, and staff.)
- Staff vaccinations, 2nd shot and two week full coverage, will be completed April 14, 2021.

CDC Rationale for Change in Quarantine Guidance

- **10-Day Quarantine without testing**
 - The post-quarantine transmission risk is approximately 1% (upper limit of 10%)
 - A negative test at day 10 reduces the risk to approximately 0.3%.
- **7-Day Quarantine with negative test on day 5**
 - The post-quarantine transmission risk is approximately 5%, (upper limit of about 12%)



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/scientific-brief-options-to-reduce-quarantine.html>

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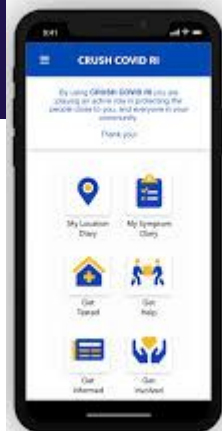


Health and Safety:

BWRSD Response to Updated Quarantine Guidance

- Continued staffing challenges would be eased with lower # of quarantine days
- RIDOH does not dictate which quarantine options schools/districts choose.
- After analysis of current data, ***BWRSD administration and nurses have decided to require a 10 day quarantine period for all close contacts.***
- BWRSD will re-evaluate data and rate of infection weekly and adjust requirements if it is deemed safe to do so.

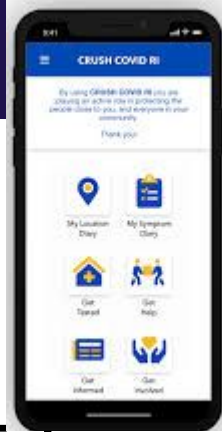
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Health and Safety Protocols that will remain in Place:

- Daily COVID-19 Screening for all students and staff.
- All staff and students wear mask and social distance.
- Ventilation upgrades, air purifiers, window fans in all classrooms.
- Increased sanitation and cleaning high touch areas and lavatories.
- Maintain use of hand sanitizer stations and frequent hand washing.

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Health and Safety Protocols that will remain in Place:

- Quarantine and contact tracing protocols.
 - **(More students may need to quarantine due to 3 feet of distance between desks.)**
- The CDC clarified the role of community transmission levels in decision making.

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Health and Safety:


New CDC [guidance](#) released March 19, 2021

- Allows classroom desks to move from 6 to 3 feet apart.
- Removed recommendation for physical barriers. (Plexiglass)
- Clarified the importance of ventilation as a component of strategies to clean and maintain healthy facilities.
- Clarified the role of community transmission levels in decision making.
- Added guidance on clusters when interventions occur.



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Plans for returning more students to In Person Teaching and Learning based on parent choice.

[Elementary Plan \(by school\)](#)

[KMS Plan](#)

[MHHS Plan](#)

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Summary of changes to bring students Back in Spring 2021:

- Desks spaced 3 to 6 feet apart per CDC guidance.
- All students will eat in, classrooms/cafeteria/gyms, maintaining 6 feet of distance per CDC guidance.
- All schools will offer in person and distance learning options.
- Elementary DL students will be returning to their home schools. These students may join established in person classrooms or they may join their teachers in newly established synchronous learning environments. These two options are dependent upon the specific grade level and the specific school those children attend.

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Hybrid Learning at KMS and MHHS:

- Will not be offered for all students.
- Hybrid learning will be approved on a case by case basis due to a student's unique academic/social emotional circumstances.
 - Parents must email their Principal and the Superintendent.
 - School Administrators and District Administrators will review all requests on a case by case basis.



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Enhanced Social Emotional Learning Supports

- Social workers, psychologists, school counselors, and the student advocate will continue to work with all students.
- Weekly lessons to support student wellness for elementary students.
- Weekly Advisory for KMS and MHHS schools.

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Dates of Return:

- Elementary students (88 students returning) April 15th.
- KMS students (In person 6th-175 students, 7th-178 students, 8th-159 students) April 26th
- MHHS (Phase I - March 23-April 16, Phase 2 - Seniors April 27-28, Freshman April 29-30, All grades May 3)

Gradual transition of some students based on academic and/or social emotional learning profiles.

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NEW (4/12/21):

Health and Safety:

New [RIDOH/RIDE guidance released April 1, 2021](#) based on CDC updated guidance:

- Schools must maintain at least 3-6 feet of physical distance between one another
- RIDE guidance allow for students to eat within 3 feet of each other. BWRSD will maintain 6 feet of distance between students while eating.
- Clarified the importance of ventilation as a component of strategies to clean and maintain healthy facilities.
- Clarified the role of community transmission levels in decision making.
- Added guidance on clusters when interventions occur.

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Updated (4/12/21)

Transportation ([Updated based on RIDE/RIDOH Updated Memo 4.1.21](#))

- Space on Busses is limited due COVID-19 restrictions.
- Parents are asked to begin finding alternative transportation for their students if they are returning to in person learning.
- R.I. Department of Education and R.I. Department of Health updated school transportation guidelines on 4/1/21 - **maximum occupancy of 75% of vehicle seating capacity** (not to exceed 58 passengers) for all vehicles transporting students
- Members of more than one household may sit together in the same seat if necessary to reach 75% capacity
- All students have assigned seats on the bus
- When passenger is confirmed to have COVID-19, there may be up to 18 close contacts of confirmed case based on seating arrangements.



Questions?