

## Health Policy and Remote Instruction 9-2022-23 The Bridge Academy

In school, children and staff with Covid-19 symptoms regardless of vaccination will be separated from others until they can be sent home. The child and/or staff member should test and monitor symptoms prior to returning to school.

**Who does not need to quarantine?** If an individual has had close contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 they do NOT need to quarantine but should wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days and get tested at least 5 days after the last close contact. (1) If the test is positive or if COVID-19 symptoms develop, follow isolation recommendations.

### **Who should quarantine?**

**Everyone who tests positive for COVID-19 infection or who have symptoms of COVID-19** (including those waiting for test results or who haven't been tested), regardless of vaccination status, should isolate for at least 5 full days and take additional precautions during and after isolation.

- Stay home and isolate from other people for at least 5 full days (day 0 is the first day of symptoms).
  - a. If symptoms resolve (fever-free for 24 hours and other symptoms improve), isolation can end after 5 full days (i.e., on day 6). **Wear a mask for an additional 5 days in school.**
  - b. If symptoms persist (fever or if other symptoms have not improved), continue to isolate until fever-free for 24 hours and other symptoms have improved. Wear a mask for an additional 5 days in school.

Persons who test positive for COVID-19 but have no symptoms;

- Stay home and isolate from other people for at least 5 full days (day 0 is the day of the positive viral test).
  - a. If no symptoms develop, isolation can end after 5 full days (i.e., on day 6). Wear a mask for an additional 5 days in school.
  - b. If symptoms develop within one week of the positive test, the 5-day isolation period starts over with day 0 being the first day of symptoms. Follow recommendations for ending isolation for persons who have COVID-19 symptoms.

### **Testing during/after isolation**

Given the limitations of testing later in the course of illness, if an individual who is isolating has access to a rapid test and wants to test, the best approach is to use an antigen test towards the end of the 5-day isolation period. Testing should be performed only if fever-free for 24 hours and other symptoms have improved (or if symptoms weren't present). If the antigen test result is positive, continue to isolate until day 10. If the antigen test result is negative, isolation can end, but continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others at home and in public until day 10.

**Remote Instruction** - Only students with confirmed cases of Covid (medical quarantine) are eligible for remote instruction (if they are feeling up to it at parents' discretion). Students have a designated Bridge Academy laptop or they may log on from a home computer. Teachers will inform parents and students of any assignments, links or communication during the quarantine period.

1 Close contact defined as someone who was less than 6 feet away from an infected person (laboratory-confirmed or a clinical diagnosis) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more.

**Emergency Remote Instruction** – In the event of a school closure lasting more than three consecutive days we will implement our emergency plan to ensure continuity of instruction in accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:7F-9(c) and N.J.A.C. 6A:32-13.1 and 13.2.

All Bridge Academy students have a designated laptop that will be picked up and/or delivered to the student's home if it was not deployed during school.

All students of The Bridge Academy will be taught and assessed for their ability to use both software and hardware needed for remote instruction. Included but not limited to log onto Google Classroom, use all elements of Google classroom needed for remote instruction, use of Read and Write, use of their email, and subject specific software.

Each student will log on during the emergency schedule timeframe of 8am to 1:15pm and attend their classes via links sent by their respective teachers. A copy of the schedule and links are sent to both our students by email and their parents/guardians by email.

Teachers will be responsible for attendance records and grading as they would be during live instruction.

All student IEPs will continue to be followed to the greatest extent possible during emergency remote instruction.

If there is any issue with internet service, The Bridge Academy teachers will report the problem to administration who will contact the local LEA. Assignments will be hand delivered if needed.

If there is any technical issue our IT staff will contact the parent and make arrangements to solve the issue.

All related services will continue as scheduled on their daily schedules.

Teachers will continue to meet during our regularly scheduled staff meetings twice a week.

Any student concerns should be brought immediately to the attention of administration. Administration will contact parents/guardians by phone and/or email for any student not in attendance, participating or other concerns.

The School Nurse and School Social Worker will be in communication with each family of a Bridge Academy student to assess any concerns during remote instruction.

LEA's and case managers will be notified if The Bridge Academy has to implement the remote learning plan.

LEA's may continue to schedule meetings in a virtual format as needed with Bridge Academy staff participation.

Regular maintenance will continue during any period of remote instruction and essential personnel will ensure building security.

A list of essential personnel will be provided to the county office in the event of an extended remote learning situation.