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Return to School

Fall 2021



OUR PRIORITIES

- **Reducing risk** for students and staff.
- Attending to and caring for the **social-emotional and mental health needs** of students and staff.
- Keeping **learning coherent**, focused on the highest priorities for each grade level.
- **Meeting the needs of every student** regardless of the student's color, language, ability, household income, and all other realities.

NOW vs. THEN

FALL 2021	FALL 2020
In-person Learning Model	Hybrid Learning Model
More capacity in K-8 schools	Less capacity in some schools
Open Houses, Visitors allowed	No Open Houses, No Visitors
Limited Virtual Options	Virtual Option for any BASD student (JEDI)
Field Trips / Birthday Treats allowed	No or limited Field Trips / Birthday Treats
No Cost Breakfast / Lunch	No Cost Breakfast / Lunch
Building Use Requests Accepted	No Outside Groups
Staff Use Sick Days / Personal Time	Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL)

LAYERED MITIGATION

- When students/staff **feel sick**, students/staff **stay home**.
- Encourage **hand washing** and hand sanitizing.
- Encourage **social distancing** when possible.
- Classrooms will learn **outside** as possible.
- Continue to **monitor COVID exposure** in our schools.
- Encourage **vaccinations** for anyone age 12 and up.
- Continue **deep cleaning** of our schools.
- If necessary, we can still shift to virtual learning for a period of time.



VACCINATION UPDATE

Within Burlington Area School District

- STAFF: 84.5% (377 / 441)
- STUDENTS: we welcome updated immunization records when students return to school.

Local Data*:

- Now available for all people age 12+
 - **23%** of age 12-15 in Racine Co.
 - **33.4%** of age 16-17 in Racine Co.
- 50% vaccinated in Racine County
- 51.9% vaccinated in Wisconsin



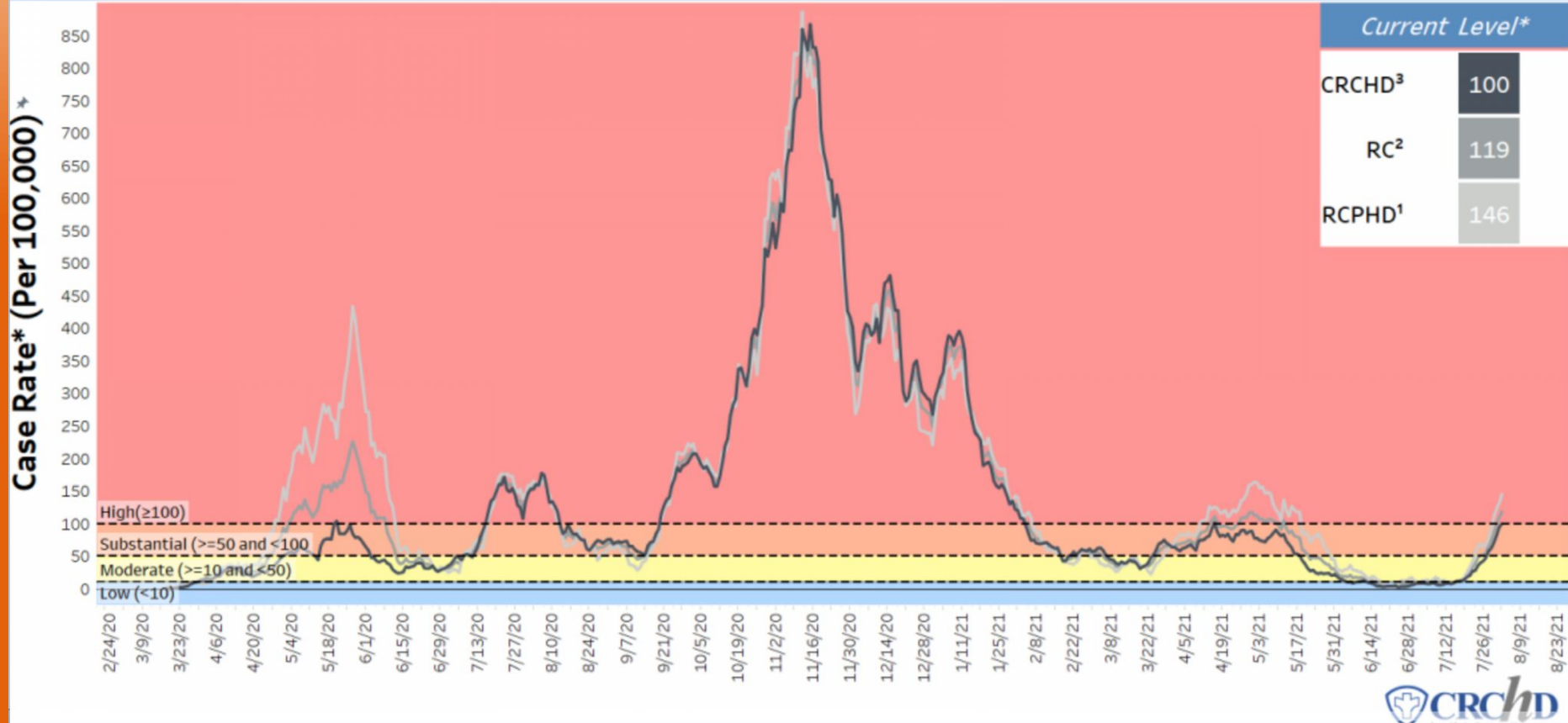
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LOCAL DATA

Level of Community Transmission

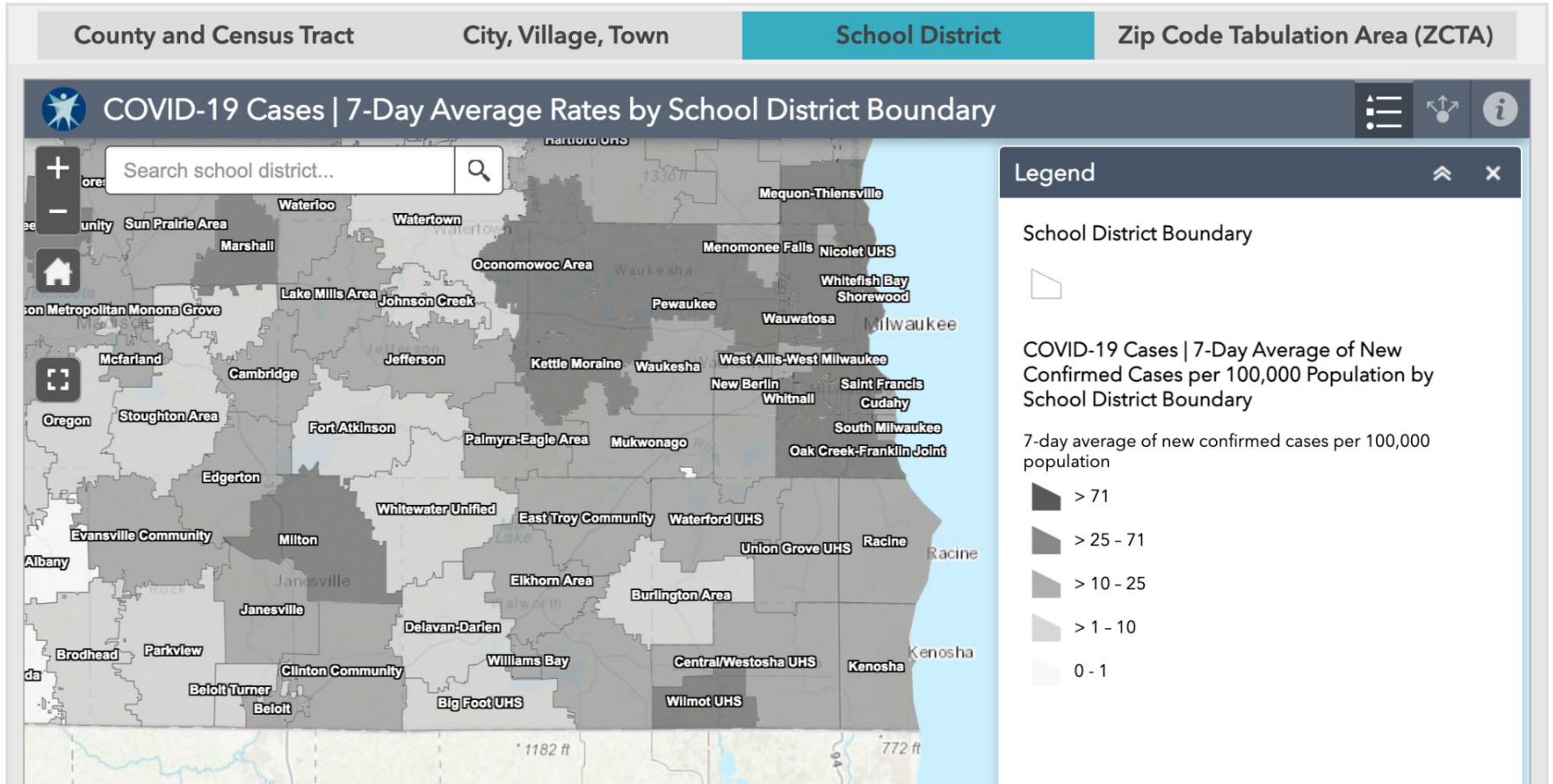
CRCHD, RCPHD, and Racine County
2020-2021



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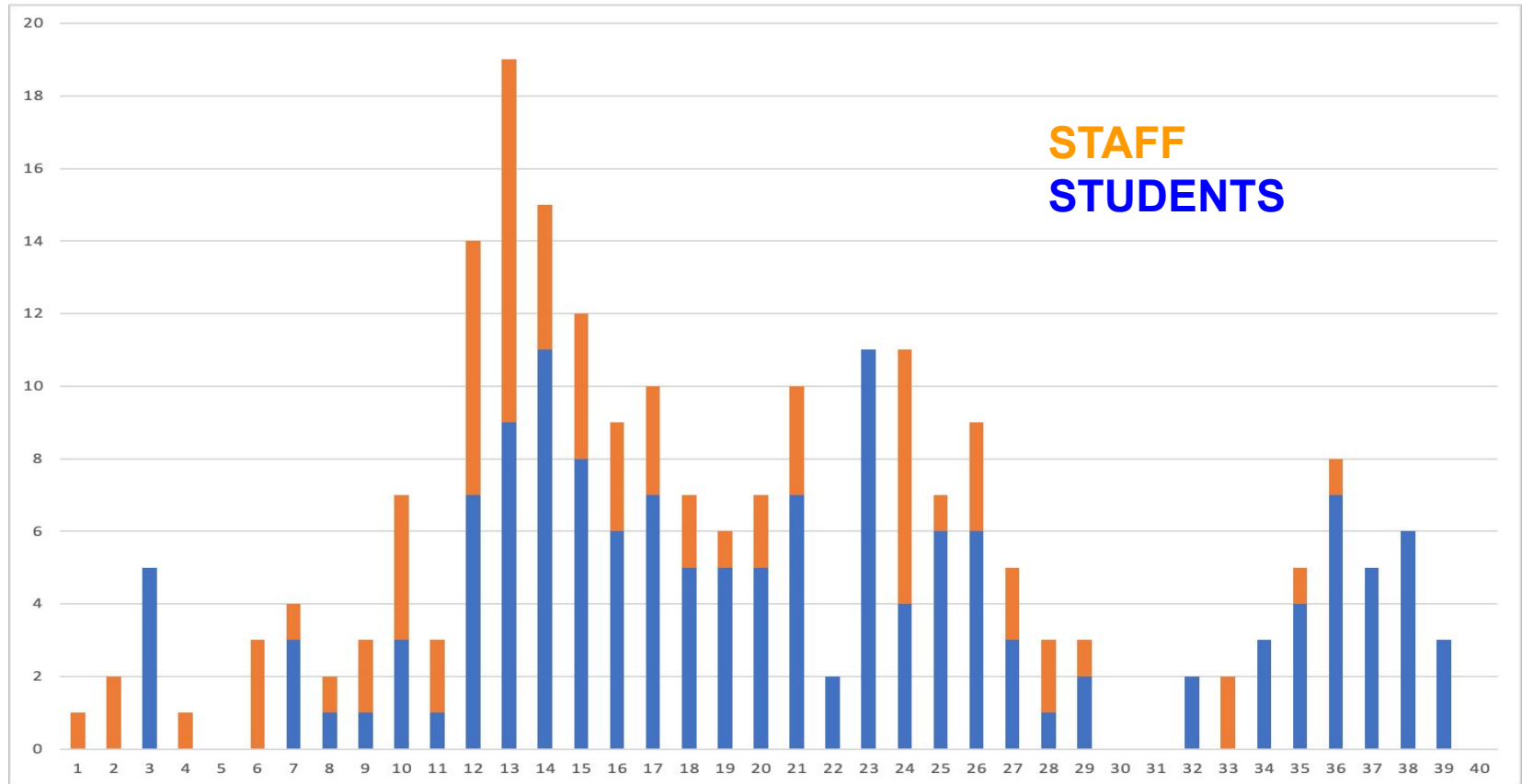
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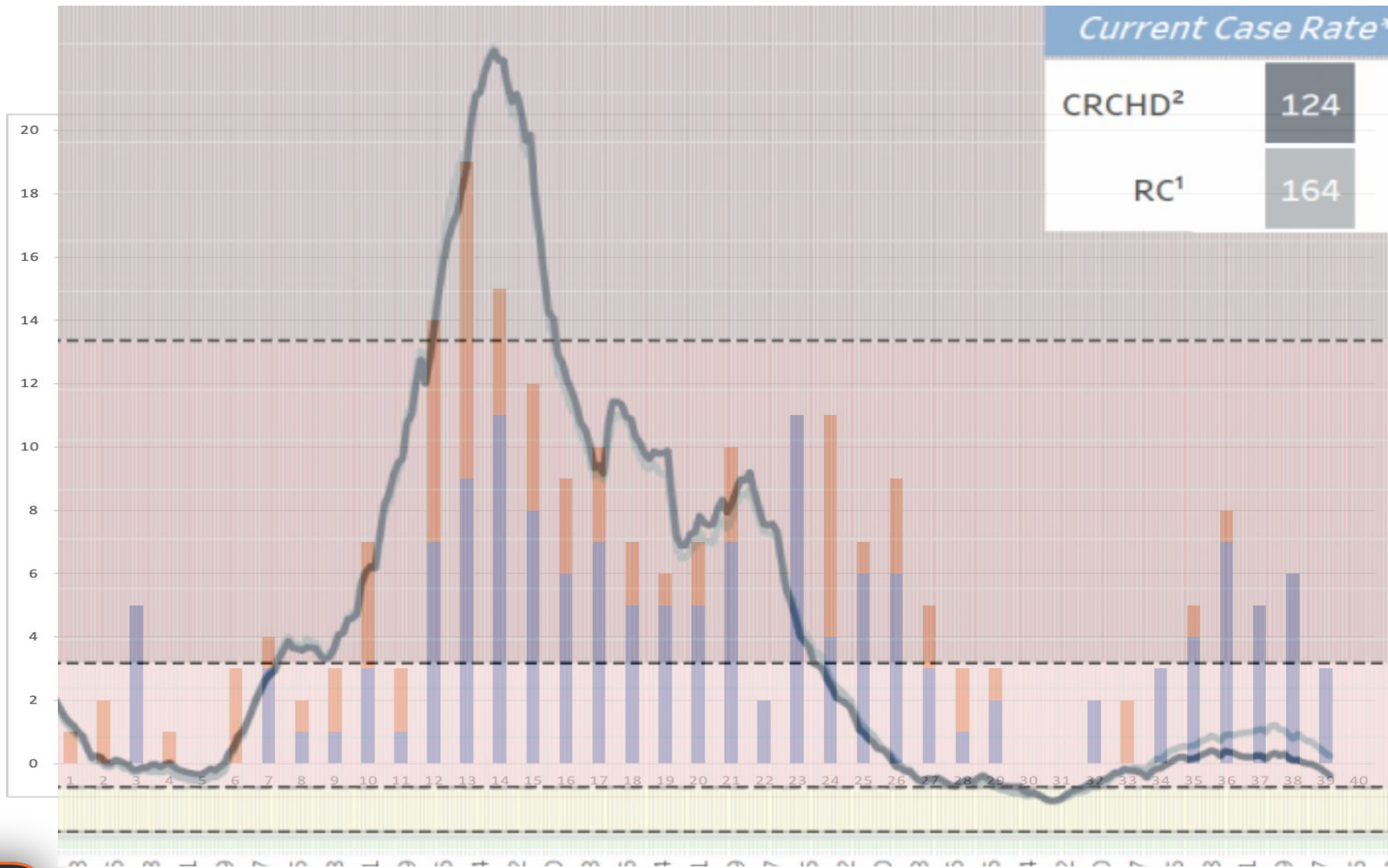
BASD DATA

21-22 Covid Cases (August 20 - May 21)



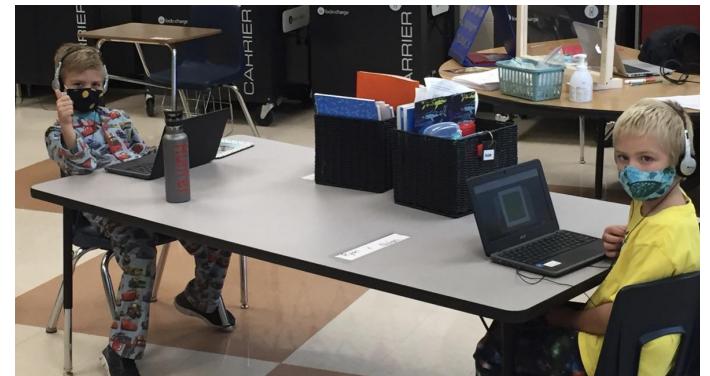
CRCHD / BASD

August 20 thru May 21



ABOUT BASD SCHOOLS

- Ventilation
 - Classrooms have univents to draw fresh air in. Univents have filtration system with Merv-13 filters (cleaned annually).
 - All BASD buildings have air handling units with filtration systems with a Merv-13 rating (changed quarterly).
 - BASD air handling, univents, and air conditioning units start two hours before staff and students arrive and run two hours after staff and students leave to increase circulation and air exchanges in buildings.
 - The new Karcher Middle School is the only school fully air conditioned. Other buildings have limited air conditioning and classrooms keep windows open.
- New grade configuration spreads K-5 students out across 5 schools.
- Continue to clean, keep doors open, etc.



DELTA VARIANT

Learning that...

- It's the most transmittable variant yet
- More than two times as contagious as the original virus
- People who are infected by Delta appear to carry 1000 times more virus, and for a longer period of time than those infected with the original virus
- People infected by the Delta variant are roughly twice as likely to be hospitalized than those infected with the original virus
- People who have not been vaccinated are most at risk



COVID TESTS

BASD plans to offer optional COVID tests at school to confirm/rule out COVID in individuals who become ill.

- Optional rapid testing will be available onsite
 - Requires parental consent
- Testing will be offered to students/staff when:
 - Symptoms are present (still need to be home if sick)
 - In quarantine on day 6-7 following symptoms (could be provided)
- Additional details will be forthcoming



PROTOCOL

- COVID POSITIVE = 10 Day Isolation
 - Onset of symptoms is day 0, return to school is day 11.
- CLOSE CONTACT = 14 Day Quarantine
 - What day was the close contact? Length of time exposed?
 - **No Quarantine necessary if:**
 - Fully vaccinated
 - Both wearing a well-fitted mask/3-6 ft apart when exposed.
 - Do you have symptoms?
 - Yes = Get tested
 - No = Recommend test on day 6-7
- SYMPTOMS = Stay home
 - We will follow the same illness guidelines as last year. If having those symptoms, must be out for 10 days or get a negative COVID test to return.
 - If confirmed it is not COVID, continue with 24 hours fever free without the use of fever reducing medications.
 - A fever for BASD is defined as 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.
 - 24 hours vomit free.

NOTE: BASD is a mandated reporter of cases.



COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

- IMMUNIZATION Proof = avoids quarantine
- ABSENTEE RATE = will monitor student / staff absence to determine if / when a need arises to close schools (or use a virtual model)
- Long-term strategy is to be consistent with BASD protocol prior to COVID.

Board [Policy 8450](#): Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases

Board [Policy 5320](#): Immunization



GUIDANCE

- [CRCHD](#) - In-Person Instruction is a priority. Recommends masks.
- [DHS](#) - DHS recommends schools require universal masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status. Children should return to full-time in-person learning in the fall with layered prevention strategies in place.
- [CDC](#) - Recommends indoor masking for K-12 (layered strategy). Not a close contact if properly masked.
- [AAP](#) - Recommends universal masking due to many school age students not yet able to be vaccinated. Difficulty enforcing a policy where those vaccinated don't need to wear a mask and those unvaccinated need to wear a masks. Concern for variants.
- [AMA](#) - Issued a statement of support for the new CDC recommendations of universal mask wearing in K-12 Schools.



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Will follow WIAA Guidelines
- Will follow rules of host venues.



FACE COVERINGS

What we know:

- Federal Order Requires Masks on School Buses
- K-12 mask wearing will result in much smaller quarantine numbers
- Masks lessen exposure to other illnesses / COVID

BASD reality:

- Student learning and mental health is a priority
- Can't control what happens outside of school
- Summer School / Summer Recreation
 - Had no COVID cases while masks were optional
- Proper mask use can be difficult to enforce
- Not able to be used at lunch



Masks optional with caveats:

- Focus on layered mitigation strategies
- All students encouraged to have a mask (much like the student ID)
- Revisit if...
 - Racine County case rate climbs
 - BASD COVID cases spike

Be Respectful and Good Role Models



BASD ENCOURAGES

- To reduce spread of illness & need to quarantine:
 - **Vaccination**
 - **Masking**
- **Responsible behavior** - to lessen impact on schools
- **Be considerate** - You may not know another person's circumstances
- **Awareness** - Seek reputable information as more information becomes available.





CLOSING

- Our **compassion** for our students and staff help us to create a positive learning community for Burlington students.
- We will continue our **commitment** to work closely with the local health department as we make plans.
- This is a fluid situation with new developments and information daily, which require **comprehensive** solutions.

We are proud to serve Burlington students!

