



Parent FAQ Sheet

What are presenting symptoms?

Presenting with any of the following symptoms?

- **Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills**
- **Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath**
- **New loss of taste or smell**
- **Muscle aches or body aches**
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Sore throat, *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Headache *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Fatigue, *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) *when in combination with other symptoms*

Do staff screen and test regularly?

Yes, all staff pre-screen for the symptoms noted above prior to reporting for work.

Yes, all staff who have contact with students complete a PCR test each week to ensure the safety of the individual as well as colleagues, students, and families.

Are students tested?

Yes, BinaxNOW antigen testing is available for students who present symptoms during the school day. To participate, a guardian has logged into the "Crush the Curve" web portal and complete a consent form, this is a cost-free service provided to all families.

To participate in the program, log into the CIC portal below and choose Doctor Franklin Perkins School.

<https://www.cic-health.com/consent/ma#consent>

Are masks required?

Yes,

- **SURGICAL** Masks are to be worn by all staff, students, residents, visitors, and vendors over the age of 5, when inside common areas of any RFK Community Alliance building. Surgical Masks are required in public spaces and shared indoor common areas until determined otherwise.
- At this time all students and staff must wear a mask at all times INDOORS unless eating.
- Staff may remove mask when OUTDOORS only if alone. If an unmasked staff member encounters another person, they must put mask on.
- Masks must continue to be worn in all Perkins vehicles.
- Visitors bring their own mask and if unable to provide their own Perkins will supply one.
- Staff must wear N95 or KN95 masks if working in a congregate setting where there are clients being Quarantined.

What are the isolation and quarantine protocols?

Isolation

The CDC is shortening the recommended time for **isolation** for the public. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should **isolate** for 5 days and if they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), follow that by 5 days of wearing a mask when around others to minimize the risk of infecting people they encounter. If symptoms continue, individual should continue their isolation period past the 5 days until asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving.

Quarantine

Unvaccinated or are more than six months out from their second mRNA dose (or more than 2 months after the J&J vaccine) and not yet boosted, the CDC now recommends quarantine for 5 days, a test at day 5, and followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days.

Vaccinated and have had a booster

Individuals who have received their booster shot do not need to quarantine following an exposure but should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure.

When can my child get the booster shot?

In line with CDC guidance, we strongly recommend making arrangements to get the booster shot as soon as your child is eligible. Again, if your child is past 6 months from their last vaccine dose (or more than 2 months after the J&J vaccine) and in close contact with someone who tests positive; and DOES NOT have the booster shot, your child will need to quarantine.

What are the current travel guidelines?

1. Fully vaccinated individuals may travel outside of Massachusetts without restrictions and do not need to quarantine upon return to Massachusetts.
2. Anyone who is unvaccinated (or has not fully completed the vaccination series) who travels out of Massachusetts for greater than 24 hours, must quarantine for a minimum of 10 days, after which time, he/she may return to school providing they are symptom free.

Option to test out of Travel related Quarantine:

Upon return to Massachusetts, quarantine until you can obtain a PCR test between days 3-5 after your return. You must continue quarantine until you have written documentation of negative test results. You may return to school when you can provide written documentation of negative test result and remain symptom free.