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BCSD TEMPORARY QUARANTINE SUPPORT PLAN

What we have learned is that in-person instruction is still the best option for students during the pandemic. Schools continue to be a safe place for students to learn and attend in-person instruction, while following all necessary health and safety protocols. **The BCSD remains committed to full-time, in-person learning for all of our students.**

In order to accommodate a significant increase in positive COVID-19 cases due to current spikes resulting from the long holiday season, the change in weather, and the Omicron variant, we will implement the following temporary quarantine support plan only for students who are quarantined, beginning Thursday, January 6, 2022 - January 28, 2022.

This plan provides additional support at this challenging time for those students who are quarantined due to a positive COVID-19 case. We will continually monitor this plan as the COVID-19 landscape evolves and as we have been adapting plans since March 2020. Our original BCSD Quarantine Support Plan will continue for all quarantined students until the pandemic conditions eliminate the need.

Elementary Schools (BHES, BVES, MKES, PRES, WPES):

Elementary schools will continue to utilize the original quarantine support structure. A designated BCSD quarantine support staff member will be assigned to individual students or small groups of students to provide 1-hour of daily virtual support via Google Meet. See original <u>BCSD Quarantine Support Plan</u>.

Fox Lane Middle School:

Fox Lane Middle School will now provide a house, grade level, and team specific quarantine support program which will allow the students to get support from one of their own team teachers. This team teacher will support a group of students from their team during each daily 1-hour quarantine support session via Google Meet. See original BCSD
Quarantine Support Plan.

Fox Lane High School:

Due to the nature of content-specific courses and individual student schedules, FLHS teachers will provide access to a Google Meet for general education content classes for students who are quarantined due to a positive COVID-19 case. Similar to a webinar, students will have access to listen into the class instruction via Google Meet during their regularly scheduled class period. There will be no interaction between teachers and students who are at home, as teachers will be engaging with students attending class in-person. This is for the purpose of allowing students in quarantine access to instruction in real time.

Additionally, FLHS students who are quarantined, at the request of a parent, may have access to the 1-hour of daily quarantine support in the original <u>BCSD Quarantine Support Plan</u>, to help with their daily assignments, answer questions, and provide clarification. Please contact your child's guidance counselor for this support.

Here are the guidelines for the revisions to the FLHS Quarantine Support Plan:

- A link to a Google Meet will be provided to students who are confirmed by the school nurse or administration that they are completing a necessary quarantine due to COVID-19.
- It is the responsibility of the student in quarantine to access the Google Meet during the regular class period. This is not mandatory, but optional for students in quarantine. Students may access daily assignments posted to the Google Classroom by their teachers.
- The Google Meet access is to allow students the opportunity to "listen in" to live instruction while it is taking place in the classroom. This support is not the same as the hybrid structure utilized last year.
- This service is only available to students serving a necessary quarantine period related to a positive COVID-19
 case.



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• Any tests or quizzes will not be taken during quarantine, but will be fulfilled when the student returns to school.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES (from original Quarantine Support Plan):

Special education and related services, for any missed sessions, will be provided when the student returns to in-person instruction. For students who require intensive individualized services, alternative instruction may be provided after school on a case by case basis.

This plan is intended as a supplemental plan to our BCSD Quarantine Support Plan for a short period of time while COVID-19 cases are on the rise in our area. Please continue to communicate regularly with your child's teachers, building administrators, and school nurse if there are specific questions regarding your child's educational needs.