



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Many questions have arisen in light of positive COVID-19 and close contact notifications. I hope this list helps answer some of the Frequently Asked Questions.

**1) Q-What do I do if one of my children is considered a close contact but they have siblings in the same house?**

A- Only those identified as direct close contacts are required to isolate. If you choose to keep a sibling home as a precaution during that isolation period, please let both your child's teacher and the school know. When leaving a message on the school's email or voicemail, please provide specific information.

**2) Q- Do I need to show my child's negative test result prior to him/her returning to school?**

A- No. Students are required to stay out of school while they are symptomatic or are in isolation or quarantine.

**3) Q- Am I required to get a COVID-19 test?**

A- There is no requirement for a COVID-19 test. AHS would recommend testing if you have any of the primary symptoms or two or more of the secondary symptoms.

**4) Q- How do I know what the school is doing to keep my child safe?**

A- Every school in the Black Gold School Division has a Re-Entry Plan posted to its school website. There are numerous categories identifying measures being taken. Following any notification of a case in the school, protocols are followed to isolate individuals, notify families, and then a deep clean of that environment takes place while the students are away.

**5) Q- If my child is in isolation, when can he/she return to school?**

A- When the school notifies families of a case, the school also sends a document and a voice message identifying the expected date the isolation period will be lifted. If Alberta Health Services provides a different date afterward, we will follow the AHS given date. Students are unable to return to school until AHS provides that confirmed re-entry date from quarantine or isolation.



**6) Q- How does my child keep up with his/her learning while in Isolation or quarantine?**

A- Our classroom teachers endeavour to provide in-school and at-home learning. Please understand that the transition to at-home learning may take a day or two. Most classrooms use Google Classroom to post work and where students can submit completed work. Either the classroom teacher or a substitute teacher will be checking in with those at home.

**7) Q- What happens if my child cannot be at school for picture day?**

A- Picture day is scheduled for November 30th. Retake Day for those who are absent or unable to come in will be February 3rd. This helps reach learners from both semesters.

**8) Q- Will the Principal or Black Gold shut down the school or move to Scenario two or three?**

A- This decision is made by AHS. They will notify the Superintendent of Schools and the parent community, should this happen.

**9) Q- Can my child switch into or out of in-school learning?**

A- BGSD has asked parents to make decisions for Semester 1 and will be asking about your decision for Semester 2 in December. All requests are submitted by emailing [bgsd@blackgold.ca](mailto:bgsd@blackgold.ca).

**Helpful Resources:**

[WHPS Re-Entry Information](#)

[AHS Close Contact Information](#)

[Symptoms Flow Chart](#)

Sincerely,

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