



Dear BSM Families,

In an effort to ensure all members of the Benilde-St. Margaret's community are aware of BSM's current COVID-19 protocols, here is a summary of the most recent updates. All future changes to protocols will be available on this page.

COVID-19 Communication

Benilde-St. Margaret's will no longer individually notify families of close contacts in classrooms during the Omicron spike. All students should remain vigilant regarding COVID-19 symptoms.

BSM On-Campus Masking Guidelines

Benilde-St. Margaret is currently requiring masks for anyone on campus during the school day. Parents/guardians are requested to watch for symptoms in your children, keeping them home if they have any signs of flu-like symptoms.

Please email Katie Galper at kgalper@bsmschool.org if your student tests positive for COVID-19 or any other contagious virus such as Influenza A. If a student needs to quarantine and they are well enough to participate in classes, they will be allowed to join virtually.

BSM Isolation Guidelines

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has now adopted the 5 day isolation guidelines provided by the CDC. However, BSM students should NOT return to campus until they are asymptomatic. [Read here](#) for more details about close contact and quarantine.

Student Athlete Isolation Guidelines

The Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) has not adopted the CDC's 5 day isolation guidelines, therefore BSM student athletes who test positive must remain out of any MSHSL athletics or activities for the full 10 days.

Rapid Test Kits Now Available

Benilde-St. Margaret's has received [BD Veritor™ at-home COVID-19 test kits](#) which are available for all students, faculty, and staff. The kits can be picked up from either Stacy Zitzloff, school nurse, or Katie Galper, COVID-19 coordinator, in the main office. Parents/guardians may pick up a test kit on behalf of their student to minimize exposure from symptomatic students by emailing Katie Galper, kgalper@bsmschool.org.

There is no cost to families for these kits, but there is a limit of **one kit per student**.

Virtual Learning Requirements

Beginning **Monday, Jan. 24**, BSM will require students to show proof of a positive COVID-19 test result before being added to the virtual learning list while in quarantine.

This policy will include all contagious viruses which require students to remain off campus.

Thank you again for your understanding and willingness to be flexible as we navigate the ever-changing landscape of this pandemic.

BSM COVID-19 Response Team

