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Brooklyn Public Schools Positive Case Count

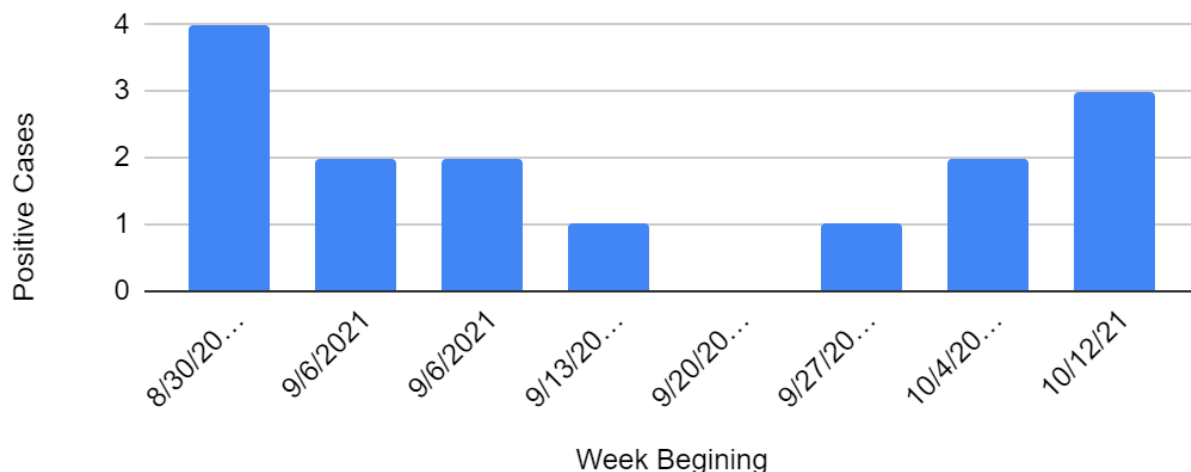
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[Connecticut COVID-19 Response](#)
[Northeast District Department of Health](#)
[COVID Testing Q&A](#), [COVID Testing Locator](#)

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

This letter is to inform you that **we continue to have positive COVID-19 “cases” at Brooklyn Public Schools**. Due to the new guidelines, we do not ALWAYS need to quarantine the entire class or the entire bus. We are quarantining classmates who are “contacts”, individuals who were within three feet of the positive case in the classroom for more than 15 minutes. We will quarantine students on the bus or other locations who are within six feet for more than 15 minutes. These guidelines apply even when wearing a mask. This year we have had **15 individuals who have tested positive**. We have many students in isolation due to being a contact. **Parents of these children have already been contacted through school messenger or by the school nurse to explain the quarantine expectations if the child is either a case or contact. Below you will see that this week we have had three positive cases already.

BPS Positive Cases Each Week



There have been some days that we have had limited need to quarantine students due to the new guidelines, and also due to the diligence of our families who are able to keep their children home when they are sick. This has helped to reduce the need to quarantine classmates. As you know, there are times that individuals are asymptomatic and we understand that they may be in school with COVID and

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not even know it. If your child should test positive, or be in contact with someone who has tested positive or is suspected to have COVID you should be cautious.

COVID-19 testing is recommended approximately 5 days after exposure. If your child gets tested or develops symptoms during their quarantine, please contact your school nurse to notify them of this information. Students who test on day 5 and have a negative result AND have no symptoms can return to school on day 7, except our youngest students in preschool and kindergarten. Testing sites are listed on the link above or can be found calling or by searching 211.

School work: We are providing work and check-ins for students who are at home. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or do not receive work.

School Nurses: [BES nurse's email](#) or 860-774-4618. [BMS nurse's email](#) or 860-774-1498. The school nurses and administrators remain current on the latest guidance and can respond to questions related to contact tracing and quarantining. Thank you to the school nurses for their constant efforts on behalf of our students, families and staff to contact trace and provide guidance to impacted individuals.

Thank you and be well!

Sincerely,

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