

## Winter Break Guidance

**Students and staff who are diagnosed with COVID and/or have had close contact with a person with COVID should follow these guidelines:**

**Persons diagnosed with COVID over the winter break** should follow their healthcare providers' guidance about when they may return to work and school.

- **Staff diagnosed with COVID over the winter break who are not able to return on January 3** should report their diagnosis to [OHSCOVVID@bcps.org](mailto:OHSCOVVID@bcps.org).
  - OHSCOVVID staff will be working on Thursday, December 30 and Monday, January 3 to provide guidance to BCPS staff who will be absent in January due to COVID illness.
- **Students diagnosed with COVID over the winter break who will be absent on January 3** should email their teacher and/or school nurse.
  - School nurses will return on Monday, January 3 and will contact students absent due to COVID infection to provide support and return to school guidance.

**Persons with close contact with a person with COVID over the winter break** should follow Baltimore County Department of Health guidelines about return to work or school. Unvaccinated persons should remain home for 10 days after their last close contact to the person. Vaccinated persons may return to work or school as long as they do not have symptoms.

- **Unvaccinated staff with close contact who will not be able to return on January 3** should report their COVID exposure to [OHSCOVVID@bcps.org](mailto:OHSCOVVID@bcps.org).
  - OHSCOVVID staff will be working on Thursday, December 30 and Monday, January 3 to provide guidance to staff who will be absent in January due to COVID exposure.
- **Unvaccinated students with close contact who will not be able to return on January 3** should report their COVID exposure to their teacher or school nurse.
  - School nurses will return on Monday, January 3 and will contact students absent due to COVID to provide support and return to school guidance.

**Staff and students who are traveling internationally over the winter break are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines for testing and quarantine for travelers to the places they visit. CDC guidelines can be found at this [website](#).**