

BISHOP HENDRICKEN HIGH SCHOOL

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VACCINATION UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

I want to provide an update to our school community on protocol for fully vaccinated faculty, staff, and students. **Per the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), fully vaccinated individuals are considered those who are 14+ days following the last dose in their vaccine series.** For those receiving the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine, this is 14+ days following your second dose. For those receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, this is 14+ days following your one and only dose.

Individuals who are fully vaccinated (14+ days following their last dose) are exempt from the following quarantine scenarios IF THEY ARE COMPLETELY SYMPTOM-FREE:

- Close contact quarantines (exposed to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19)
- Travel quarantines (domestic and international)
- Household contact quarantines(BUT YOU MUST BE VIGILANT FOR SYMPTOM DEVELOPMENT)

- Quarantine while a symptomatic household member awaits a test (BUT YOU MUST BE VIGILANT FOR SYMPTOM DEVELOPMENT)

However, fully vaccinated individuals must still do the following...

- Continue to wear your mask, keep your distance, and practice good hygiene.

- Stay home if you have any 1 symptom, complete a Self-Reporting Form, call your doctor, AND schedule a COVID-19 test.

- Provide the School Nurse's Office a copy of your vaccination card, if needed or requested to verify a quarantine exemption.

Please also know that those who are fully vaccinated and have consented to participate in the BinaxNOW Asymptomatic Surveillance Testing program will still be tested according to our schoolwide plan. Additionally, if you have not yet consented to participate in the on-campus testing program, we highly encourage you to do so whether or not you are being vaccinated soon. Contact Mrs. Collamati at <u>kcollamati@hendricken.com</u> to enroll.

Our Case Response Playbook has been updated to reflect these protocol additions at **www.hendricken.com/reopening**. Please be sure to use it as your primary resource for any and all COVID-19 questions.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to forward them to response@hendricken.com.

God Bless, Mr. Mark DeCiccio '03 Principal