



## Volunteer COVID-19 Safety Guidance for 2021-2022

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### 1. Introduction

The following guidelines apply to all Boston Partners in Education (BPIE) volunteers serving in **in-person** settings at Boston Public Schools (BPS) sites in school year 2021-2022. Our top priority is ensuring the safety and health of our students, teachers, and volunteers.

Please note that this document contains a number of links to outside resources that provide further important information. If you have questions about these guidelines, please be in touch with your BPIE Partnerships Manager.

### 2. Vaccination and Volunteering

For the 2021-2022 school year, BPIE is pleased to offer both in-person and online mentoring opportunities.

To safeguard the health of BPS students, faculty, and school communities, and in coordination with [BPS's COVID-19 safety guidance](#), BPIE has implemented the following policy on COVID-19 vaccination for volunteers in 2021-2022:

- If you **ARE vaccinated** against COVID-19 and agree to the statements below, you are welcome to volunteer **in person** at a BPS site **OR online**, at your preference.
- If you are **NOT vaccinated** against COVID-19, or if you **choose not to disclose** your vaccination status, you are welcome to volunteer in an **online** setting only.



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All BPIE volunteers are required to complete an online attestation form regarding their vaccination status prior to volunteering in 2021-2022 so that we may route you to the appropriate setting.

### 3. Masking

Per [BPS policy](#), proper use of face masks is required on school property. The district states:

- Acceptable face coverings include multi-layered cotton masks, disposable masks, and KN95/N95 masks.
- Not acceptable: Neck gaiters, open chin triangle bandanas, and face coverings containing valves, mesh material, or holes are not considered appropriate face coverings.

### 4. Compliance with BPS COVID Safety Measures

In-person volunteers are required to comply with all [BPS COVID safety measures](#) at both the district and school level. In-person volunteers should be aware of and agree to the following:

- All BPS schools will require volunteers to show proof of vaccination before volunteering on site.
  - Please note that the proof of vaccination process is handled entirely by BPS, not by BPIE.
- Some schools may have implemented individual safety measures beyond what is mandated by BPS at the district level; volunteers are required to comply with whatever measures their school has implemented.
- In the event of an exposure, BPS has [contact tracing protocols](#) that volunteers may be asked to participate in.
- In-person volunteers agree to accept all risks involved with in-person volunteering.
- Should individual schools provide BPIE with specific safety measures, BPIE will pass on site-specific information to volunteers serving there ASAP.

### 5. Notification of Diagnosis

All in-person volunteers are required to notify their BPIE Partnerships Manager as soon as possible if they or a member of their household receive a presumptive or confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19.

### 6. Self-Screening for COVID-19 Symptoms

- A. Do not volunteer in person if you are experiencing any of the [symptoms of COVID-19](#), including:
- Fever or chills
  - Cough



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- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
- B. CDC’s coronavirus self-checker can be found [here](#).
- C. Do not volunteer in person if you have any reason to suspect you or a member of your household may have been exposed to the virus. This includes having had [close contact](#) with an individual who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or [caring for an individual diagnosed with COVID-19](#).
- D. Do not volunteer in person if you have been advised to self-isolate by a doctor or public health official.
- E. If, after volunteering in a BPS school, you have a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19, you are required to disclose that information to your BPIE Partnerships Manager for the purposes of contact tracing and further school safety measures. Please see the “BPIE COVID-19 Response Plan” section for more information.
- F. If you have a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, and are directed to self-treat at home by a medical professional, you may not return to in-person volunteering until you have completed the CDC-recommended isolation period as described [here](#). Please see the “Returning to In-Person Volunteering after Recovering from COVID-19” section for more detail.
- G. If you have reason to believe you have had an exposure to COVID-19 while serving in person at a school, you should exit the school immediately and report the situation to your BPIE Partnerships Manager.

## 7. BPIE COVID-19 Response Plan

If BPIE is notified that an in-person volunteer has tested positive for COVID-19, the company’s response will vary depending on the specific facts of the exposure. The response will be led by BPIE senior staff in accordance with the guidance set forth by the [CDC](#), [Massachusetts Department of Public Health](#), and/or the [Boston Public Health Commission](#).

BPIE will notify BPS personnel of the diagnosis as needed for the safety of students and faculty who may have been exposed and to cooperate with their contact tracing process as necessary. BPIE will make every effort to ensure that



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confidential information about the infected individual will be safeguarded to the maximum extent possible, with the understanding that some information, including volunteer names, may need to be shared with BPS and/or public health officials as necessary to comply with the contact tracing process.

#### 8. Returning to In-Person Volunteering after Recovering from COVID-19

In-person volunteers who have a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 should not return to in-person volunteering until they have met the [CDC's criteria for ending home isolation](#) and have consulted with a medical provider.

- For persons with a symptomatic case of COVID-19, this is at least 10 days after the first onset of symptoms.
- For asymptomatic infections, this is at least 10 days after their first positive RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 RNA.

Volunteers isolating due to COVID-19 are required to consult with their BPIE Partnerships Manager before returning to in-person volunteering.



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