

The Brenda Strafford Foundation is currently planning for a potential 'COVID-19 Wave 2,' in conjunction with influenza season and 'Back to School' implications. We know that 'Back to School' plans and the implications of outbreaks in schools may impact employees and designated family/support persons with school-aged children and teachers in their families and households (or designated family/support persons who may be teachers or work in schools themselves). We also expect to see an increase in outbreaks and cases of community transmission once students return to school that may also impact employees and designated family/support persons ability to enter our sites.

With school returning in September, The Foundation is expecting more detailed information to be provided by the public health and school board authorities detailing outbreak responses in school environments. This information will inform The Foundation's policies around both staff and visitors entering our sites if they are connected to an outbreak at a school.

In the meantime, we want to take this opportunity to provide some preliminary guidance to help those with school-aged children prepare for what to expect.

Here are some examples of scenarios and what we currently anticipate the response to be.

**1. If a child/teacher in your family, household or cohort has COVID-19 symptoms:**

- Employees will be restricted access from the site and required to isolate and get tested as directed by public health (could utilize sick time or vacation time if eligible/available)
- Designated family/support persons will be restricted access from the site and required to isolate and get tested as directed by public health (could temporarily re-assign designated family/support person role to an alternative person while isolating)
- Outdoor visits should not take place involving any children/teachers with symptoms, or any visitors with close contact or exposure to children/teachers who have symptoms in their household or cohort

**2. If the school is on outbreak, and a child/teacher in your family, household or cohort is in the same class or school cohort of the person who tested positive for COVID-19 (identified through contact tracing):**

- Employees will be restricted access from the site and required to isolate and get tested as directed by public health (could utilize sick time or vacation time if eligible/available)
- Designated family/support persons will be restricted access from the site and required to isolate and get tested as directed by public health (could temporarily re-assign designated family/support person role to an alternative person while isolating)
- Outdoor visits should not take place involving any children/teachers or any visitors with close contact or exposure to children/teachers who are in a classroom or school cohort affected by an outbreak at school

**3. If the school is on outbreak, and a child/teacher in your family, household or cohort is not in the same class or school cohort of the person who tested positive for COVID-19:**

- If the child/teacher has no symptoms, employees can come to work and designated family/support persons can continue to visit
- If the child/teacher has symptoms, employees and designated family/support persons will be restricted access to the site and required to isolate and get tested as directed by public health (as per scenario 1)

This is an evolving situation and more information will be provided as public health and school board policy information becomes available.

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS: COVID-19  
SPECIAL BULLETIN #18: SEP 1, 2020 FOR RESIDENTS, FAMILIES & VISITORS**

**General Risk Assessment Reminders:**

We strongly encourage all residents, designated family/support persons or visitors to consider the impact of any close contact or exposure to children/teachers in your family, household or cohort attending school, how this might affect your individual risk assessment, and to adjust your visitation plans accordingly.

Please be reminded that any time anyone entering our site has had close contact to someone who is experiencing symptoms and is suspected/being tested for COVID-19 within the past 14 days, or has had close contact to someone directly connected to an outbreak at another location within the past 14 days, this information is required to be reported honestly at the screening station. It will also automatically restrict that person from entering our site. As such, if you know you have had exposure to someone that is experiencing symptoms and is suspected/being tested for COVID-19, or has had exposure to an outbreak at another location, we encourage you to be proactive. Knowing in advance that you will be restricted from entering our site, please do not arrive at the site and expect to enter.

Our employees are encouraged to report to their manager before reporting to work if they have concerns about their risk of exposure. Similarly, designated family/support persons or visitors coming to outdoor visits should also be aware of their risk of exposure before visiting the site. If you have any questions or concerns about your potential risk of exposure and ability to pass the screening requirements, we encourage you to contact us to discuss your concerns and complete a risk assessment before your arrival at the site.

It is critically important that everyone entering our sites (including all employees, designated family/support persons and visitors at outdoor visits) understand their risk of exposure in the community, adjust their behaviour and not enter or visit the site if they are concerned about their risk of exposure to COVID-19. Everyone is required to transparently disclose the relevant information at screening upon entry to the site. This is an existing expectation that we are taking this opportunity to remind you of, as students and teachers return to school and the risk of exposure to transmission of COVID-19 increases in the community.

The Brenda Strafford Foundation will continue to monitor the situation with regards to outbreak responses in schools and provide information affecting our visitation policies as necessary. Thank you once again for your ongoing cooperation and understanding.

Together, we remain BSF Strong!



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