

Staff with COVID – January 2022

All Staff should enter an absence for personal illness in **SFE (100)** if they are sick or have any of the symptoms of COVID as outlined on the District’s Daily Health Assessment. Staff who are symptomatic may return to work after their symptoms have resolved for a full 24 hours unless they have tested positive for COVID or 811 requires them to follow Public Health guidelines on minimum isolation periods which are outlined in the chart below. Please note that the first date of symptoms is considered Day 0.

Employees who test positive with a rapid antigen test with COVID are requested to submit their results to the BC Centre for Disease Control BCCDC on their Positive COVID Report form (online). Follow this link to the detailed form If You Have COVID-19 (bccdc.ca) <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/if-you-have-covid-19>

Please forward a screenshot of the “Form Submitted” confirmation to leaves@vsb.bc.ca Please include your Employee ID # and the first date that you experienced symptoms and your isolation dates. If you are not able to get a PCR or rapid antigen test but believe you have COVID due to a telephone consultation with 811 then please include this information in your email at this time in the pandemic.

CUPE 15 or IUOE 963 employees may also request their absences in SFE to be updated to compulsory quarantine which is paid as regular salary once leaves@vsb.bc.ca receives the information requested in the 3rd paragraph of this notice. Teaching and Administration staff will use personal illness for any COVID related absences. **Questions? Contact leaves@vsb.bc.ca**

Isolation and Ending Isolation

Stay home if you have symptoms or test + for COVID

- Report + rapid test to BCCDC [If You Have COVID-19 \(bccdc.ca\)](http://www.bccdc.ca)
- * Isolation is counted from the day after your symptoms start or, if asymptomatic, the day you received a positive test

Return to normal activities when:

- **Vaccinated and minor illness:** 5 days in isolation
 - Plus: 24 hrs with no fever without fever-reducing medications and symptoms improving
 - Wear a mask whenever around others for an additional 5 days
- **Unvaccinated or moderate to severe illness:** 10 days in isolation
 - Plus: 24 hrs with no fever without fever-reducing medications and symptoms improving