

Updated Covid Protocols for The Brick Church School, updated 9/15/22

VACCINATION:

Covid vaccination is optional for Brick students. It is required for all faculty and staff. The NYC Department of Health shares the following recommendation regarding vaccination for all member of an early childhood school community:

Vaccination is the best way to prevent COVID-19

[We] encourage up-to-date COVID-19 vaccination for all eligible children and staff

“Up-to-date” includes boosters for everyone who is eligible

and additional primary shots for some immunocompromised people

For more information, visit

[cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/COVID-19-vacc-schedule-at-a-glance-508.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/COVID-19-vacc-schedule-at-a-glance-508.pdf)

MASKS FOR STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF:

Masks are optional for Brick students, faculty and staff, except in the circumstances below:

Children ages 2 and older and staff, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask when:

- 1) Returning to school after testing positive for COVID-19 through Day 10 after symptom onset or date of positive test, whichever is earlier.
- 2) Attending school after a close contact exposure to someone with COVID-19, whether the exposure occurred at school or elsewhere. *The person should wear a mask for 10 days after their last day of exposure and get tested on Day 5.*

MASKS FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS DURING PICK-UP/DROP-OFF:

Family members and caregivers do not need to wear a mask at pick-up or drop-off time unless they are unvaccinated. If unvaccinated, they must wear a mask to enter the building. If vaccinated but experiencing any symptoms including but not limited to runny nose, sneezing, cough, or sore throat, a mask is also required for entry to the building. We will not be checking vaccination cards, as we trust the members of our community to follow these expectations. Please note any person dropping off or picking up a student is required to quickly exit the building - no congregating inside of the building will be permitted.

MASKS FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS WHEN SPENDING TIME WITH STUDENTS:

Family members and caregivers must wear a mask to spend time with students in the building, regardless of vaccination status. This includes individual visits, such as to be a guest reader in the classroom, and group events, such as visiting days. Anyone experiencing any symptoms, including but not limited to runny nose, sneezing, cough, or sore throat, may not spend time with students in the building.

CLOSE CONTACT EXPOSURE:

A close contact exposure is defined as:

Someone who was less than 6 feet away from an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, three separate 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes). An infected person can spread the virus that causes COVID-19 starting 2 days before they have any symptoms (or, for people without symptoms, 2 days before the positive specimen collection date).

[Appendices | CDC](#)

Children and staff who are exposed to COVID-19

- Children and staff who are exposed may attend child care as long as they are free of symptoms. These individuals should get tested five days after their last exposure and wear a high-quality, well-fitting mask for 10 days.
- All exposed individuals should monitor for fever and other COVID-19 symptoms for 10 days after their exposure. If symptoms begin, they should not attend school and should get tested for COVID-19 right away.

Children and staff who test positive for COVID-19

- Children and staff who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for five days and can return to school on Day 6 if they have no symptoms or symptoms are improving. They should wear a mask when attending school until Day 10 after symptom onset or date of positive test, or they may remove their mask following two negative COVID-19 tests taken 48 hours apart.

All of the above is subject to change if the Department of Health amends its requirements or other factors warrant reevaluation of our protocols. Our Health and Safety Task Force will continue to assess all relevant factors on an ongoing basis, and families will be updated immediately should changes to our protocols be made.

We look forward to a happy, healthy year together and to partnering with you to keep our community safe!

Resources:

To find a vaccination site for Moderna or Pfizer for any age you can use the [NYC Vaccine Finder](#).

CVS Minute Clinic Offers vaccination for ages 18 months+. Rite Aid and Walgreen's/Duane Reade offer vaccination for ages 3+ and some sites have Moderna in addition to Pfizer.

Cornell and NYU offer Covid vaccines at multiple locations for registered patients.