

BMS Covid FAQ

What happens if my child tests positive for Covid in school?

We will notify you as soon as possible to inform you that your child needs to be collected or sent home (for older students). We will provide your child with a letter that states they have tested positive in school which means they are entitled to a free PCR at one of the Senate Testing Centres.

Siblings also need to be sent home unless they have tested negative that day and it is clear that they are exempt e.g. if they are double vaccinated and have received their booster.

What do I do if my child tests positive for Covid outside of school?

- 1) Complete this [online Form](#) which will notify the leadership team of all relevant details
- 2) If the positive test result has come from an antigen test, take your child for a PCR test
- 3) As soon as you receive the PCR result, send a copy of the document to the Principal of your section and nurse@metropolitanschool.com
- 4) Submit positive PCR test results to your local health authority
- 5) Your child must remain in isolation

What is the definition of a close contact?

Close Contacts are defined as contact:

- indoors
- without masks
- close proximity
- for a period longer than ten minutes.

Generally this contact is during indoor snack and lunch.

How long does my child have to stay in isolation for if they test positive?

10 days from the first symptoms or the date of the PCR test.

The 10 day period can be shortened by taking an antigen or PCR test on, or after, day 7 if there are no symptoms present.

There is no possibility to reduce the isolation period to less than 7 days, even if the individual is triple vaccinated.

How long does my child have to stay in quarantine if they are identified as a close contact?

10 days since their last contact with the individual who tested positive.

The 10 day period can be shortened by taking an antigen or PCR test on, or after, day 5 if there are no symptoms present.

No negative test result is required if the individual remains in quarantine for the full 10 days.

If the close contact is someone the child lives with, the 10 days of quarantine are counted from the date of the positive PCR test.

Does everyone identified as a close contact have to be placed in quarantine?



No. If a student fulfills **one** of the below criteria, no quarantine is needed:

- *Double vaccinated plus booster
- *Double vaccinated within last 3 months
- Single vaccinated plus a Covid Recovery Certificate
- Covid Recovery Certificate in the last 3 months.

*Double vaccinated is valid two weeks after the second vaccine.

Do all family members need to quarantine if one family member tests positive?

Family members are classified as close contacts. Therefore, the same rules about quarantine apply. For example, if one child tests positive and a sibling does not, you will need to consider their vaccination and recovery status as outlined above.

How and when will the school communicate with me about positive test results?

If your child is identified as a close contact of someone who tested positive, you will receive an email from school to notify you of the last contact date. Rather than personalised communication, we will refer you to the regulations included here as well as the information from the Senate which must be adhered to.

If your child tests positive in school, we will notify you that day of the result and the next steps. We will provide your child with a letter that states they have tested positive in school which means they are entitled to a free PCR at one of the Senate Testing Centres.

If you report a positive result via the [online form](#), you will receive a notification that we have received this data and we will come back to you regarding any further information or steps needed.

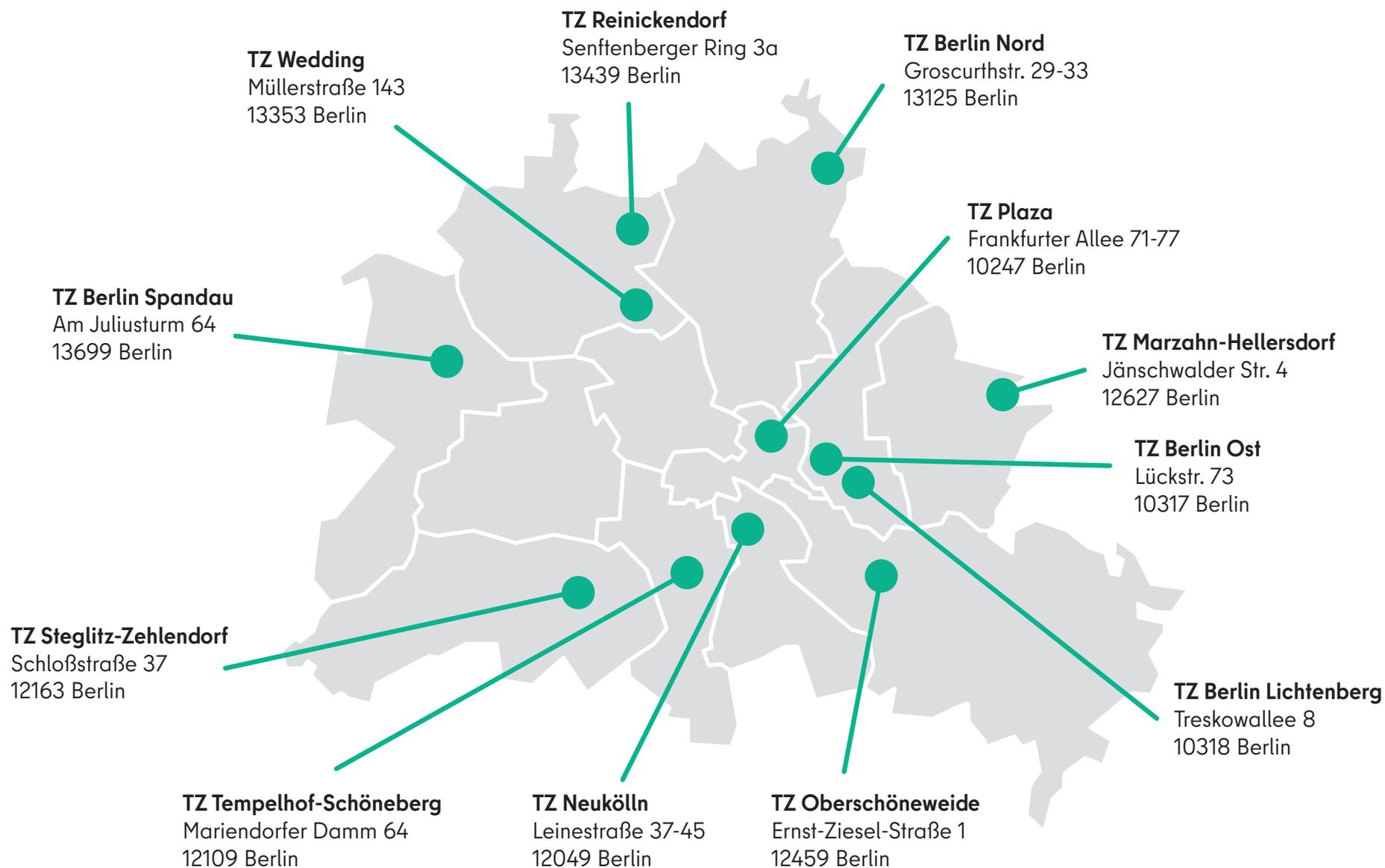
We will no longer provide updates each time a Covid case is confirmed in a class or Grade. However, we will communicate via email if we identify a significant increase in cases in a specific class or group.

Where can I find further information and guidance about Covid measures in Berlin?

Please find additional information and resources here on the [Senatsverwaltung für Bildung, Jugend und Familie](#) website. This is in multiple languages and includes the regulations, test centres, and updates.

ZENTREN ZUR PCR-NACHTTESTUNG FÜR SCHULE, KITA UND KINDERTAGESPFLEGE

In diesen Testzentren der Senatsverwaltung für Gesundheit, Pflege und Gleichstellung werden die PCR-Nachtestungen nach positivem Schnelltest ohne Terminvereinbarung täglich durchgeführt.



Testzentren zur PCR-Nachtestung für Schulen mit Öffnungszeiten

Testzentrum Berlin Ost	<u>Lückstr. 73, 10317 Berlin</u>	Mo-Fr 8-17 Uhr, Sa-So 9-18 Uhr
Testzentrum Neukölln	<u>Leinestraße 37-45, 12049 Berlin</u>	Mo-Fr 8-17 Uhr, Sa-So 10-18 Uhr
Testzentrum Steglitz-Zehlendorf	<u>Schloßstraße 37, 12163 Berlin</u>	Mo-Fr 8-15 Uhr, Sa-So 10-16 Uhr
Testzentrum Tempelhof-Schöneberg	<u>Mariendorfer Damm 64, 12109 Berlin</u>	Mo-Fr 8-17 Uhr, Sa- So 9-16 Uhr
Testzentrum Marzahn-Hellersdorf	<u>Jänschwalder Str. 4, 12627 Berlin</u>	Mo-Fr 8-15 Uhr, Sa-So 10-16 Uhr
Testzentrum Wedding	<u>Müllerstraße 143, 13353 Berlin</u>	Mo-Fr 8-15 Uhr, Sa-So 10-16 Uhr
Testzentrum Berlin Nord	<u>Groscurthstr. 29-33, 13125 Berlin</u>	Mo-Fr 8-15 Uhr, Sa-So 10-17 Uhr
Testzentrum Berlin Lichtenberg	<u>Treskowallee 8, 10318 Berlin</u>	Mo- Fr 8-17 Uhr, Sa-So 10-18 Uhr
Testzentrum Oberschöneweide	<u>Ernst-Ziesel-Straße 1, 12459 Berlin</u>	Mo-Fr 8-15 Uhr, Sa-So 10-17 Uhr
Testzentrum Berlin Spandau	<u>Am Juliusturm 64, 13699 Berlin</u>	Mo-Fr 8-13 Uhr, Sa 8-11 Uhr
Testzentrum Reinickendorf	<u>Senftenberger Ring 3a, 13439 Berlin</u>	Mo-Fr 8-15 Uhr, Sa-So 10-17 Uhr
Testzentrum Plaza	<u>Frankfurter Allee 71-77, 10247 Berlin</u>	Mo-Fr 8-17 Uhr, Sa-So 10-18 Uhr

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