

November 4, 2020

Dear Families,

Re: Separate Positive COVID-19 Cases Reported at IMS and BPHS

Earlier today, two apparently unrelated student cases of COVID-19 were reported to Bethel Park School District officials, one at Independence Middle School and the other at Bethel Park High School. The middle schooler is in our hybrid learning track. The high school student is a full-time remote learner, but also participates in an extracurricular activity. Neither of today's reported cases will require the closing of either building at this time.

In accordance with the District's health and safety protocols, the individuals will remain isolated at home until their symptoms have passed and they have been cleared by a medical professional as being no longer contagious.

Anyone who is considered to have been in close contact with either individual has been informed of the situation and has been instructed to follow the required quarantine at home protocols for two weeks. Please be aware that quarantining in this situation does not necessarily mean that these other individuals have tested positive for COVID-19. It simply means that they may have been exposed to the virus, and therefore they must remain quarantined to avoid potentially spreading it to others.

If you have not been contacted with specific instructions, it means that you or your student has not been exposed to COVID-19 through either of these students and therefore should continue as scheduled without interruption.

As a reminder, if you or a child in your care test positive for the coronavirus, you must inform your school nurse or school administration as soon as possible and begin isolating immediately.

Please continue to follow all mandated social distancing and personal safety practices, including wearing proper and approved face-masks, maintaining at least six feet of personal distance from others whenever possible, proper hand-washing for at least 20 seconds each time, and regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently-used or shared spaces, items, and surfaces.

We wish a full and speedy recovery to any individuals in our District who experience the coronavirus. We look forward to seeing them once they are deemed healthy enough to safely return to school.

Sincerely,

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