



January 14, 2021

Dear Families,

Re: Four Hybrid In-Person Instruction Students, Two Staff Members Have Tested Positive for COVID-19

Since Bethel Park School District students returned to hybrid in-person instruction on Monday, Jan. 11, there have been 20 cases of COVID-19. However, only six of the reported positive cases – two high school students, a student at IMS, a student at Memorial; and two staff members who work with high school students – were in our schools and will count towards those buildings' closure counts. All other reported cases occurred outside the school setting.

In accordance with Bethel Park'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 10 days. 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.

Please note that all of the case counts listed on our COVID-19 dashboard are not necessarily reflective of active cases in our schools. We intend to continue to list on our dashboard every positive COVID-19 case reported to us among all Bethel Park students and staff. However, communications will be sent out only when we have active cases of students or staff who have reported to our school grounds or if there is a change in any of our schools' operational status.

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. Going forward, our families will have an even greater level of responsibility to help mitigate the spread of coronavirus in Bethel Park schools.

Sincerely,

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