



Bethany Public School District

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Dear BCS Community,

Congratulations, we made it to spring break with less than forty days to go to summer vacation. I hope you and your family are able to enjoy the warmer weather and time together over the next week. While we hope everyone gets to enjoy this much-deserved break, the responsibility lies with individuals and families to take the necessary steps to protect themselves, their school community, and others before, during, and after travel, and while engaging in social gatherings. Please refer to the [CDC Travel Guidelines](#) and [BCS Travel Advisory](#) for further guidance.

This correspondence serves as an update to the current levels of COVID-19 in the Town of Bethany and in the Bethany Community School (BCS).

The Department of Health (DPH) continues to report town-level data for the number of new cases per 100,000 population and for the percent test positivity in the following dataset: [COVID-19 Case Rate by Town](#). BCS reports zero positive cases this past week and the Town of Bethany reports 19 positive cases with a rate of 24.8 positive cases per 100,000 for the weeks of March 21st through April 3rd. This recent data keeps Bethany in the Red Zone.

Post-Spring Break

At this time, the Bethany Public School District plans to provide in-person learning the week after spring break (April 19th – 23rd). Please be advised that this decision could change based on local case rates and guidance from Quinnipiac Valley Health District and the Orange Health Department. **Please notify Principal Tom Reed-Swale at treed-swale@bethany-ed.org, if your child will require remote learning while they quarantine following travel.**

Responsible Reporting

Please continue to contact the school to report absences and contact the school nurse, Cheryl Santore at csantore@bethany-ed.org, BCS: (203) 393-3350 x615 or cell (203) 494-8156, if a student/staff, or a household family member, tests positive for COVID-19 or if student/staff has been identified as a close contact requiring quarantining. In order to determine an individual's quarantine time and return to school/work date, we must ask questions regarding their exposure which requires your cooperation. Please do not send your child to school to be assessed by the nurse if they are experiencing any COVID-19 related symptoms. Please do not give your child fever-reducing medicine and then send them to school. By doing so, our chances of controlling transmission and preventing quarantines become significantly challenged.

If we all continue to work together, with the goal of keeping our school open and do all we can to keep each other healthy and safe, we will have a successful end to this school year and Finish Strong! Thank you to all the staff and families who are working collaboratively with the school to keep everyone safe. Your ongoing cooperation and responsible reporting is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Colleen M. Murray
Superintendent