



Bethany Public School District

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Dear BCS Community,

This correspondence serves as an update to the current levels of COVID-19 in the Town of Bethany and the Bethany Community School (BCS), as well as the instructional model decision for next week.

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 one positive case this past week which resulted in the quarantine of a classroom and several staff members, and the Town of Bethany reports 32 positive cases with a rate of 41.7 positive cases per 100,000 for the weeks of January 17th through January 30th.

The District remains committed to providing in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible while mitigating health risks to students and staff. Based on the most recent COVID-19 metrics for Bethany and in collaboration with our local health advisors at Quinnipiac Valley Health District (QVHD), **Bethany Community School will remain in-person learning for the week of Monday, February 8th.**

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.

The goal of having children attend school, in-person is only safe when a community works together to control transmission and the spread of the virus. Therefore, your ongoing cooperation and responsible reporting is greatly appreciated.

Remote Snow Days

Please refer to the [Remote Snow Day Letter](#) sent out earlier today for important information regarding subsequent snow day plans.

Sincerely,

Colleen M. Murray
Superintendent