

Good Afternoon Broncho Family,

Happy Friday from Bethany Public Schools! I wanted to give you an update on our COVID-19 numbers. As a reminder, we are required to report positive tests to the Oklahoma City County Health Department. Positive tests are sent to the OCCHD from wherever a person is tested, (doctor's office, clinic, emergency room etc.) however, our cooperation speeds up the process of contact tracing.

When parents call us to let us know someone has tested positive in their home, it allows us to get that information to the contact tracer more quickly. The contact tracer then gathers the necessary information and makes their decisions much more quickly than if it passes through normal channels. This allows us to notify those who have been exposed sometimes days faster. Quicker notification ultimately reduces the number of sick or quarantined students and staff.

As of October 16, 2020	High School	Middle School	Elementary
# Students Quarantined (Not Positive)	11	5	10
# Students POSITIVE	1	0	0
# Students who have Returned from Quarantine or COVID illness	23	0	0
# Staff Quarantined (Not Positive)	5	0	0
# Staff POSITIVE	5	0	1
# Staff who have Returned form Quarantine or COVID Illness	2	1	0

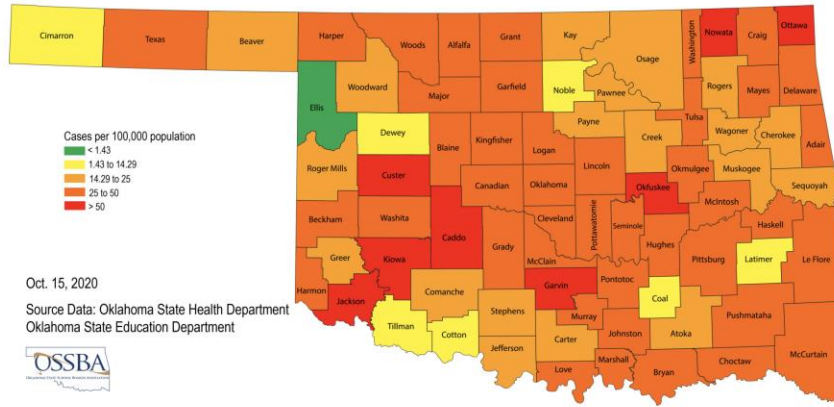
We will continue to be transparent with all we do. Of course, HIPAA and FERPA laws restrict some information for the privacy of those involved.

The map below is a screenshot of the update COVID-19 map (figure 1) we use to determine what level we are on on the Bethany Bronchos Health and Safety Protocols (figure 2) **Last week we were at an Orange-1 level, this week we moved up a level to Orange-2.** The following link will take you to a live map where you can get additional information about all the counties as well as towns and zip codes.

<https://www.ossba.org/resources/coronavirus/covid-19-map/>


Figure 1

COVID-19 Map



This map was created by OSSBA using the guidelines set forth in state Education Department's safety protocols guidance and the county-level case data as reported by the state Health Department as of Oct. 15, 2020. The state Health Department calculates a 7-day average of new cases to arrive at the cases per 100,000 figure used to determine the color-coded risk level. To see week-to-week data comparisons, [click here](#).

Figure 2



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HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Bethany Public Schools will adjust plans and procedures at schools based on the Oklahoma State Department of Health's Alert System.* It is designed to assess risk for COVID-19 exposure in counties across the state.

See this week's school-related map:
<https://www.ossba.org/resources/coronavirus/covid-19-map/>

District Indicators Include: Student absence > 25% or Staff absence > 15%.

GREEN New Normal	YELLOW Low	ORANGE 1 Moderate	ORANGE 2 Moderate +	RED High
<p>In Green:</p> <p>In-person, on-site instruction no restrictions.</p> <p>Masks are not required.</p> <p>No monitoring temperature.</p> <p>Move to Yellow:</p> <p>Transition to Yellow after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Yellow status.</p> <p><small>*Based on conditions in the district (ie sickness of students or staff or other factors) one or more schools could move up a level without meeting this criteria.</small></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Fewer than 1.43 cases/100,000 residents</p>	<p>In Yellow: Remain in in-person, on-site instruction after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Yellow status. Required masks for all students, staff and visitors per Return to Learn plan.</p> <p>Move to Orange 1: Transition to Orange 1 after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Orange 1 status.</p> <p>Move Back to Green: Transition to green after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in green status. <small>*Based on conditions in the district (ie sickness of students or staff or other factors) one or more schools could move up or down a level without meeting this criteria.</small></p> <p style="font-size: small;">More than 1.43 cases but fewer than 14.29 cases/100,000 residents</p>	<p>In Orange 1:</p> <p>Implement A/B schedule in the secondary schools.</p> <p>Move to Orange 2:</p> <p>Transition to Orange 2 after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Orange 2 status.</p> <p>Move Back to Yellow:</p> <p>Transition to yellow after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in yellow status.</p> <p><small>*Based on conditions in the district (ie sickness of students or staff or other factors) one or more schools could move up or down a level without meeting this criteria.</small></p> <p style="font-size: small;">More than 14.29 cases but fewer than 25 cases/100,000 residents</p>	<p>In Orange 2:</p> <p>Implement A/B schedule for elementary and secondary schools.</p> <p>Move to Red:</p> <p>Transition to Red after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Red status.</p> <p>Move Back to Orange 1:</p> <p>Transition to Orange 1 after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Orange 1 status.</p> <p><small>*Based on conditions in the district (ie sickness of students or staff or other factors) one or more schools could move up or down a level without meeting this criteria.</small></p> <p style="font-size: small;">More than 25 cases but fewer than 50 cases/100,000 residents*</p>	<p>In Red:</p> <p>Implement distance learning for all sites.</p> <p>Move Back to Orange 2:</p> <p>Transition to Orange 2 after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Orange 2 status.</p> <p><small>*Based on conditions in the district (ie sickness of students or staff or other factors) one or more schools could move down a level without meeting this criteria.</small></p> <p style="font-size: small;">More than 50 cases/100,000 residents</p>

*The State Department of Education made two adjustments to the State Department of Health's alert system. — added ORANGE 2 — changed RED criteria to reflect county-level, rather than statewide, data.

Thank you all for your continued support of our kids and school district. We will get through this together.

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 Bethany Public Schools