

Good Afternoon Broncho Family,

At our school board meeting Monday evening, the school board voted to revise the Decision Matrix. The color code definition for green has changed to as follows: **All Students in Person Learning (4 Days a Week, 1 Day a Week Virtual) - Green**

Previously green was 5 days per week and no virtual day at the middle school and high school. The virtual day is to allow teachers to meet the needs of the virtual learners.

The revised decision matrix is attached.

Below is your weekly update on our COVID-19 numbers for Bethany Public Schools.

The data indicates we are in the green zone at all three schools. Therefore, we will begin all students, in person learning 4 days per week and virtual learning 1 day per week at all sites beginning Monday, February 8th. All students will be at school for in person learning Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday unless the student is currently a distance learner. Wednesdays will be a virtual learning day for all district students.

If you would like to change your child from in person learning to distance learning or distance learning to in person learning, please contact your child's school for more information about how to make the change.

Please see the attached documents for additional information and data.

The spreadsheet below indicates data for the past 7 days in Bethany Public Schools.

| Feb. 3, 2021 | High School | Middle School | Elementary |
|---|-------------|---------------|------------|
| # Students Quarantined (Not Positive) | 15 | 31 | 41 |
| # Students POSITIVE | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| # Students who have Returned from Quarantine or COVID illness | 20 | 27 | 62 |
| # Staff Quarantined (Not Positive) | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| # Staff POSITIVE | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| # Staff who have Returned from Quarantine or COVID illness | 2 | 3 | 5 |

Please Notify The School

Please notify the school when anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 or exhibits symptoms. When parents call to let us know someone has tested positive in their home, it allows us to get that information to the system more quickly.

Distance Learning Anytime

Any parent who would like to move their child to distance learning can do so at any time. If you want to move your child to distance learning, please contact the school your child attends.

Returning to In-Person Learning from Distance Learning

We know some parents elect to be more cautious about when to send their children back for in person learning. Last semester we required a semester commitment to distance learning because of the amount of work it requires to move enrollment, attendance and grades from one learning format to another. This semester we are being flexible about when your child can return to in person learning. Contact your child's school for more information.

Substitute Teaching

We are always looking for substitute teachers. If you want to sub part time, on only certain days or in only certain schools/age levels, please contact Carolyn Work at 405-789-3801 or email her at cwork@bethanyschools.com

Other Ways to Help

We encourage all staff and families to continue social distancing, hand washing, using hand sanitizer and wearing masks when in public. Following these mitigation strategies helps slow the spread.

Send a positive email or text to a teacher or principal. Your words of encouragement help with staff morale.

As always, thanks for your support of Bethany Public Schools.

Drew Eichelberger
Superintendent
Bethany Public Schools