

Good Morning Broncho Family,

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

Based on the BPS Decision Matrix the high school and middle school will be in A/B learning next week. The elementary will be in the 4 day learning format. Please see the attached document for additional information and data.

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 contact tracer more quickly. The OCCHD 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.

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

Jan. 13, 2021	High School	Middle School	Elementary	Admin Bld
# Students Quarantined (Not Positive)	15	6	24	NA
# Students POSITIVE	1	0	3	NA
# Students who have Returned from Quarantine or COVID illness	5	6	12	NA
# Staff Quarantined (Not Positive)	0	0	3	0
# Staff POSITIVE	0	0	0	0
# Staff who have Returned form Quarantine or COVID Illness	0	2	0	0

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.

Our Greatest Need

Our greatest need at the moment is 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
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Bethany Public Schools