

Town of Bedford 97 McMahon Road

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Superintendent Update

Wednesday, May 5, 2022

Hello Bedford School Community,

We wanted to make sure that everyone was aware that we have seen an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases throughout the district in the last two weeks.

With an increase in cases, we urge everyone to take extra precautions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. As a school district we continue to disinfect our classrooms each evening, we have our HVAC system operating for longer hours and with MERV-13 filtration, and we continue to run HEPA filtration air purifiers in each occupied space.

For those individuals who would like to "mask up" Please note that N95, KN95, and surgical style masks are available at all schools in adult and child sizes. Testing continues to be an option and is available at all schools through our <u>At-Home Antigen Test Option</u> and our <u>Pooled PCR Testing Option</u>. Please use these links to sign up for testing.

In case of an infection, please report all cases of COVID-19 to your child's school nurse using the following email addresses.

Davis School email: daviscovid@bedfordps.org Lane School email lanecovid@bedfordps.org JGMS email jgmscovid@bedfordps.org BHS email bhscovid@bedfordps.org

Please keep in mind that for infected individuals the current guidelines require masks to be worn within the ten-day infection period.

- Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 will need to wear a mask after a 5-day isolation and/or quarantine period when around others for an additional five days, except when eating, drinking, or outdoors.
- Individuals who experience COVID-19 symptoms should stay home and obtain testing. If they receive a negative result and their symptoms improve (including remaining fever-free for a 24-hour period without fever-reducing medication), they can return to school but should continue to wear a mask until their symptoms fully resolve.

To review the current number of cases please follow this link to the <u>Bedford COVID-19</u> <u>Dashboard</u>. The Friday letter will contain the pooled testing results and the cases reported by each school.

As always, thank you for your patience, your participation, and your continued commitment to our schools.

Sincerely,

Philip Conrad Superintendent