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COVID-19 Update

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- One (1) new COVID-19 positive case at Bedford High School (BHS case #34) no close contacts.
- One(1) new COVID-19 case at Davis School (DS case #10) no close contacts.
- One (1) new COVID-19 case at Lane School (LS case #11) close contacts have been identified.
- There are currently seven (7) active COVID-19 positive cases in the BHS Community, two (2) active COVID-19 positive cases in the Davis School Community, and one (1) active case in the Lane School Community at this time.

Dear parents, caregivers, and guardians:

Over the weekend, there was (1) one new case of COVID-19 reported within the Bedford High School (BHS) Community, one (1) new case of COVID-19 in the Davis School community and one (1) new case of COVID-19 in the Lane School community. BHS Case #34 and Davis School Case #10 are in isolation at home, were not present in school during their infectious period and investigations revealed that no close contacts were identified within the school community. Lane School case #11 is in isolation at home, was present in school during their infectious period and close contacts have been identified and instructed to quarantine.

Information on close contact identification, contacting tracing and where and when to get tested, can be found in our <u>FAQ</u>.

We remind parents/guardians/caregivers that it is <u>imperative</u> that all Bedford Public School students be evaluated for <u>symptoms of COVID-19</u> each day <u>before</u> sending them off to school. Teachers and school staff are required to do the same self-evaluation for symptoms. These measures, taken in combination, greatly reduce the risk of transmission.

We will continue to be vigilant in adhering to all of the protocols that have been put in place in an effort to continue in person learning via our current hybrid model. We are also providing remote learning for all students required to quarantine at home to continue to provide instruction, structure, and an emotional connection to the classroom during a time that we know will be challenging for those children and families involved.

We are committed to continuous communication with and support of our families. If there is additional transmission as a result of these cases or a separate case, the Bedford Health Department Staff and School Nurses will immediately begin a case investigation to determine close contacts and conduct appropriate notifications to any impacted school community members so as to initiate proper quarantine. Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you continued health,

Sincerely,

Philip Conrad Superintendent