



**Town of Bedford**  
97 McMahon Road

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## Superintendent Update

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Friday, January 29, 2021

Hello Bedford School Community,

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

This past Wednesday was International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Which is an international memorial day commemorating the tragedy of the Holocaust that occurred during the Second World War. It commemorates the genocide of 6 million Jews and 11 million others, by the Nazi's. For more information about International Holocaust Remembrance Day please visit [UNESCO Holocaust Remembrance Day](https://www.unesco.org/en/whodisremembered)

### School Surveys

Thank you to all of our families who have already completed the survey that was recently sent to you by your child's principal. If you have not already done so please complete the survey as soon as possible. If you have any questions please contact the principal that sent you the survey.

### Additional January COVID-19 Outdoor Testing Clinic Added

The Town of Bedford has announced an additional date in January for free COVID-19 PCR testing for Bedford residents and Town/School employees. The testing clinic will take place on Saturday, January 30 from 9:00 am – noon at the rear of 12 Mudge Way (Town Center Building) via a drive-through model.

Please register using this link: <https://bedfordcovidtestingregistration.as.me/> (note that this is a different registration system than previous testing clinics). Registration will close when all spots

are full. Each person being tested will need an appointment. If you have any questions regarding the electronic registration system or the Town's testing program, please call 781-918-4222. Please note: after this testing event on January 30, The Town will be transitioning COVID-19 testing to a new location for the remaining winter months. Further information will follow.

#### Black History Month

Black History Month begins on Monday and is an annual celebration of the achievements of African Americans and a time to recognize the central role African Americans have played in our history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history. For more information please go to [History.com Black History Month Information](#)

#### National School Counselor Week February 1 - 5, 2021

National School Counseling Week 2021 (#NSCW21), "School Counselors: All In for All Students," will be celebrated from Feb. 1-5, 2021, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. National School Counseling Week is always celebrated the first full week in February.

#### Public Hearing on the FY22 Budget on Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Reminder to all Bedford Public School families that the School Committee will host a Public Hearing on the FY22 Budget on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 during the regularly scheduled School Committee meeting time. The meeting will be held via Zoom. To review the budget proposal please visit the [The FY22 page on our website](#).

#### Community Forum, Wednesday February 10, 2021

The Town of Bedford will be holding a virtual community forum at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, to provide information on the Town's response to Covid-19 and answer questions from residents. The forum will take place over Zoom. More information will be available soon.

#### Vaccination Update

As of this writing the Town of Bedford as we have not yet been allocated vaccines from the state of Massachusetts. Therefore NO vaccination opportunities currently exist through the Health and Human Services Department. To find a location to get vaccinated, for eligible and active priority groups and phases, please visit the [Massachusetts Vaccination Information Web Page](#)

### DESE Updates

This week we provided information to DPH and DESE to become involved in voluntary pool testing for a six week period for no cost. We will have more information available soon. In the meantime if you'd like to read about the program please go to the [DESE COVID-19 Website](#) or you can go to the [DESE Pool Testing Website](#)

### Community COVID-19 Dashboard

The Bedford Board of Health Bedford COVID-19 Dashboard contains data related to case counts, active/recovered cases, case demographics and school case data. The majority of the data on the Dashboard will be updated Monday through Friday, with some data tables and charts updated on a weekly basis. We invite you to view the new dashboard here: [www.bedfordma.gov/covid-stats](http://www.bedfordma.gov/covid-stats)

### Teaching Assistants, Educational Assistants and Building Substitutes Needed

If you would be interested in joining the Bedford Public Schools as a teaching assistant, an educational assistant, or a building based substitute please check out our openings on our website at [BPS HR Website](#) and thank you!

### Technology

If you have questions about this or any other technology issue or concerns please contact [tech\\_support@bedfordps.org](mailto:tech_support@bedfordps.org)

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

Wishing you continued health,

Sincerely,

Philip Conrad  
Superintendent

PS: As I write this letter on Friday afternoon it seems that there is a possibility for weather Monday night into Tuesday. IF we have a weather day next week it will be a Remote Learning Day.