

## Town of Bedford

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## **COVID-19 Update**

## January 5, 2021

- Davis School one (1) new COVID-19 positive case was identified over break (DS case #9) and was determined to have no in-school contacts.
- Lane School four (4) new COVID-19 positive cases were identified over break (LS cases # 7, 8, 9 & 10) and were determined to have no in-school contacts.
- John Glenn Middle School one (1) new COVID-19 positive case was identified over break (JGMS case # 5) and was determined to have no in school contacts.
- Bedford High School four (4) new COVID-19 positive cases reported over break (BHS cases #24, 25, 26, & 27) and were determined to have no in-school contacts.
- There are currently seven (7) active COVID-19 positive cases in the Bedford Public School Community at this time. One (1) at Davis School, four (4) at Lane School, one (1) at JGMS, and two (2) at Bedford High School.

Dear parents, caregivers, and guardians:

During the school break there were a total of ten (10) positive COVID-19 cases reported within the Bedford School community. Three (3) cases have already recovered and seven (7) are in isolation at home. Investigations revealed these positive COVID-19 cases were NOT present in school during their infectious period and it was determined that there were no close contacts identified in the Bedford Public School community.

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

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 of any cases and conduct appropriate notifications to any impacted school community members so as to initiate proper quarantine. If any conditions are identified that impact the greater school community and/or return to school, we will send out another message to inform families. Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you continued health,

Sincerely,

Philip Conrad Superintendent