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COVID-19 Update

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- One (1) new COVID-19 positive case at Bedford High School (BHS case #32)
- Close contacts within the Bedford School Community have been identified and have been instructed to guarantine
- There are currently six (6) active COVID-19 positive cases in the BHS Community at this time.

Dear parents, caregivers, and guardians:

Today I was informed of one (1) new case of COVID-19 within the Bedford High School Community. BHS Case #32 is in isolation at home. Close contacts of Case #32 within the Bedford High School Community 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 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 this case 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. 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