



# BELLE VERNON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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Dear Parent/Guardians,

We have another COVID 19 positive case at Belle Vernon Area Middle School. The administrators and school nurse did contact tracing and all students have been notified if they were a positive contact. This makes for the first case in their current 14-day rolling period. A reminder that Rostraver Elementary will return to in-person instruction tomorrow, May 5, 2021.

Cases for today and current 14-day rolling period:

Building	# of Positive Cases	# of Positive Cases in 14-day Rolling Period
BVAHS	0	1
BVAMS	1	1
MES	0	0
RES	0	0

If your child is displaying any symptoms or has been in close contact with a positive COVID person, please do not send them to school and have them follow the recommendations for quarantining and notify your child's building nurse or principal. It is extremely important that we all work together for the safety of our students and staff. We are seeing an increase in cases in our district.

The signs and symptoms of COVID 19 are listed below. If you or your child are concerned about an exposure or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID 19, please contact your primary care physician for further guidance. For more information on COVID 19, visit the PA Department of Health's website at: [www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov).

What are the signs and symptoms of COVID 19? Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and may range from mild to severe.

Symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

We are following the recommendations from the PA Department of Health and the PA Department of Education, as the health and wellness of our students and our community are always our highest priority. Please stay safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele Dowell  
Superintendent of Schools