



**Barneveld School District**  
*"...a community striving towards  
 excellence in education."*

12/10/2020

To: Students, Staff, Families, and Community Members

From: Joseph Price, Superintendent

**Re: Gradual Return to School**

Greetings Barneveld Families,

At last night's board meeting, it was decided that we will resume in-person learning with a gradual process as determined by both county and community numbers related to Covid-19 case rates. A link to the presentation from last night's meeting can be found by clicking ([here](#)). We will continue with this gradual return while keeping a close eye on the Iowa County Health Department case rates, as well as the new [DHS tool](#) that allows us to look at Barneveld specific data. As mentioned in previous correspondence, we wanted to see a two-week trend where the numbers were decreasing and this has happened at the county level (see table below).

Our Gradual Return will begin on **Monday, December 14, 2020**, and it will include 4k through 3rd grade resuming with in-person learning (families may still opt for virtual at this time). Students in 4th through 12th grade will remain virtual with the exception of those individuals/small groups who are in need of in-person instruction. These students and families will be contacted by individual teachers. As we see the county-wide and local numbers continue to improve, we will then start bringing back additional grade levels.

<b>October 5</b>	4.8%	5.57	116.5	Red	51%	33
<b>October 12</b>	6.8%	8.21	121	Red	43%	49
<b>October 19</b>	7.5%	11.58	153.8	Red	41%	59
<b>October 23*</b>	7.9%	11.35	142.9	Red	43%	67
<b>October 30</b>	8.4%	11.29	133.7	Red	42%	67
<b>November 6</b>	11.4%	16.86	148.3	Red	42%	99
<b>November 13</b>	14.5%	26.36	181.8	Red	41%	155
<b>November 20</b>	14.7%	30.14	205.7	Red	43%	178
<b>November 27</b>	12.5%	26.86	215.1	Red	44%	158
<b>December 4</b>	9.8%	16.64	169.4	Red	43%	98

Additional communications will come out as soon as we have the most updated information so that families and staff can plan accordingly. As much as we would like to have everyone return to in-person learning, we feel that this gradual approach ensures the safety of our students, staff, and community as a whole. We are seeing improvements and so long as they continue, we will follow up with bringing students back to school.

\*\*\*We ask that families with 4K - 3rd grade students please complete a survey which will be sent to you later today.

Please continue to help us by practicing the 3 W's - Wear face coverings in public, Wash your hands often, and Watch your social distancing when out.

Thank you again for your continued support and patience as we experience this together!

#BeBarneveld

Sincerely,

Joseph Price,  
Superintendent