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## **BV SCHOOLS WeeklyUpdate - September 28, 2020**

*The School District will continue its weekly update to keep families updated with information about school re-opening and COVID-19 impacts. We understand that while we have all anticipated and prepared for possible shifts in learning, as disruptions occur, it can be unsettling. The weekly update is intended to keep you informed. Please remember you can always access county health data related to COVID on a public dashboard at the county website.*

### **NEW**

- A positive COVID -19 case confirmed at BV Middle School and BV High School. On Tuesday, September 22, 2020 the district called an Emergency Health Remote Learning day for both BV Middle and High School while public health, local medical providers, and the district convened the Response Team to evaluate a single confirmed positive case in each school. As a result, the district quarantined, with direction from Chaffee County Public Health, BV Middle School from September 23-30 and the school shifted to remote learning. All protocols for determining close contacts were used in decision-making. The Response Team made the final determinations for each school based on the published guidance for exposure periods in determining “close contacts.” Quarantines last for 2 weeks for known close contacts. Because of the timing of exposure and the long weekend, the quarantine for the middle school began on Thursday, 9/17, the last time the school was in contact with the positive case, so it ends two weeks later. The high school was not in contact with the positive confirmed case within 48 hours, so did not need to quarantine. The good news - the protocols we have in place to respond are at work and we have a full Response Team from County Health and Local Medical Providers working together to enact the systems for our schools. More good news - our 1st and 2nd grade classes quarantined will return to school on Monday, 9/28. And even more good news - To date, there has been no known transmission within our schools. Each day we can lower transmission within the school is good news. While unsettling to have a quarantine response, we are prepared. We have planned for this with the goal of keeping most students in person most of the time (every student, every day continues to be our goal). The district will follow federal medical privacy restrictions and not release the names or conditions of persons involved in cases.

### **NEW**

- Each week, during these updates, we will share with families the health data of the district. Find the [Colorado Health Dashboard here](#). You can find the [Chaffee County Public Health Dashboard](#) here.

## BV Schools Health Status of September 28, 2020

One positive case has been confirmed at the BV Middle School and one positive case has been confirmed at BV High School.

BV Middle School is quarantined through 9/30.

BVHS did not need to quarantine due to not being in contact with the positive confirmed case within 48 hours.

Several students in the district are abiding by public health orders to quarantine due to “close contact” to a confirmed positive case outside of school activities.

BV Schools is responsible for monitoring and evaluating “close contacts” related to school activities with the Response Team. While we support contact tracing of Public Health, we are not responsible for tracing or reporting of possible contacts outside of school activities.

To achieve the goal of in-person learning throughout the school year, we urge families to abide by quarantine orders.

**NEW**

- Alert System Failure: Our phone/text/email alert system experienced a glitch on the evening of Monday, September 21, resulting in many middle and high school families NOT receiving the alert message and elementary school families receiving it instead. We sincerely apologize for this inconvenience. We immediately worked with our alert system company and the issue was resolved. We appreciate your understanding of this unexpected and unknown break in communication.

**NEW**

- This week's question from the the BV Schools Health and Operations FAQ

Included below are several Questions and Answers related to close contacts and quarantine. A full list of FAQ and link to CC Public Health can be [found here at the Operational and Health FAQ](#) and always available on the BV Schools Website.

**Q. How will contact tracing occur for students?**

Chaffee County Public Health (CCPH) has the responsibility for contact tracing. However, the District will work in cooperation with CCPH to determine classmates and staff who have potentially come in close contact and communicate quarantine orders. Due to health privacy practices (HIPPA) names of persons will be held private.

**Q. Can a school disclose the name(s) of students, teachers, or staff members who have COVID-19?**

Schools are required to disclose names of people with COVID-19 to public health authorities. Schools should not disclose the name(s) of students, teachers or staff members with COVID-19 to other teachers, staff, students, parents, the media, or anyone outside public health.

**Q. What if a parent or other household member of a child/staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19?**

The child/staff member should stay home from school for 14 days even if the child is not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. There is no need for further action in the school unless the child/staff member has a positive test.

**Q. What if a teacher/staff member or student is in contact with a person who has confirmed COVID-19 outside of school ?**

The person should quarantine for 14 days, Any coworkers or students of the person under quarantine do not need to quarantine.

**Q. Will a staff or family be notified if a member of the classroom has tested positive?**

The school district will work with Chaffee County Public Health in contacting persons who have been in close contact with someone testing positive for COVID. Medical privacy will be protected in all reporting. If a member of a class tests positive, the classroom cohort and those determined to be in close contact would be notified and directions for response provided. Public Health is responsible for tracing and notification of close contact; the district is a partner.

**Q. If someone in a student's household tests positive, will they be required to quarantine and/or produce a negative test?**

Chaffee County Public Health (CCPH) is responsible for contact notification of possible exposure. Current guidance states members of a household in which someone tests positive should quarantine for 14 days,.

**Q. If my student needs to stay home for quarantine, can he/she participate in remote learning?**

Yes. If students are home due to COVID quarantine and if health conditions of the student and/or family allow to be engaged in learning, then learning will continue. Students must log in through the [ATTENDANCE QR log](#) to receive credit for participation. If the student is unable to participate, then ATTENDANCE should be registered as NOT Participating. [See Attendance QR Code here](#). Learning assignments will be delivered through Google Classroom (6-12) and through packets and/or online activities. These will be treated as typical absences from school, with classroom teachers providing make up time and tasks. Please note: it may take the teaching staff up to three days to fully implement remote learnings. Days 1-3 of quarantine, students should log in for attendance and work will be provided to the extent possible. Beginning day 4, remote learning schedules for K-5 will begin and 6-12 will be through Google Classroom. Full participation by students will be expected to receive attendance credit.

**NEW**

• Family Survey Request: Annually, the BV School District asks for feedback from our families regarding a variety of topics: curriculum, instruction, leadership, vision, learning climate, and more. We administer similar surveys to our students and staff. We use this data as part of our commitment to continuous improvement as a system. This year, we wanted to administer the survey early in the year so we can compare attitudes and perceptions during the disrupted time to other school years. There are 15 other districts across rural Colorado who we work together with in a Student-Centered Accountability Program (S-CAP) who will also give these surveys and so we will have other comparative data. Please take time by October 1 to take this 15 minute survey. See below the introduction regarding the survey:

THANK YOU for taking time to provide your views about your child's school! The information from your response to this survey will be very helpful to school and district leaders in working to improve the learning experience for all of our students. The survey is completely anonymous. No one will know your identity, not even the University of Colorado Denver researchers administering the survey. If you have children in more than one school,

you can take the survey for each school if you wish to do so. We estimate the survey will take about 10-15 minutes to complete on average.

Please click on a link below to take the survey in language you prefer:

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

**NEW**

- Monday Meetings to continue /Tuesday morning Radio Show/Written updates will continue.

Weekly Monday morning Email Update

Weekly Monday evening, 5:00 pm Zoom meeting for any interested families

Weekly Tuesday morning Radio Update, about 7:30 am, 97.5 FM

- **Monday Weekly Zoom Meeting: Each Monday, 5:00-5:45 pm**, the district will host a virtual meeting using ZOOM to keep families up-to-date on re-opening in the fall. The meeting allows time for exchange of information and questions related to the written update. Please link here to join or you can also access from the BV Schools Website.

Join Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88194973396?pwd=OXl3MTdoeElCSXFoWDRBOUkvWHFFdz09>

Meeting ID: 881 9497 3396

Password: 5it5xX

By phone: +1 253 215 8782