

The Weekly Comet Update

From Tom Meyer, Superintendent of the Bellevue Community School District

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District-Wide COVID-19 Information - December 3

The Bellevue CSD has the following information in regard to COVID-19 and the number of students and staff being impacted currently as of 12.3.20:

Total Numbers of Active Cases of COVID-19 in the district as of 12.3.20:

Elementary	<6
MS/HS	<6
District Total	<6

**State guidelines prevent the district from sharing specific case numbers that are below 6.*

Total Number of Students currently in Quarantine/Monitored as of 12.3.20 (indicates the percentage of students included in this number from the building/district)

Elementary	16 (4.6%)
MS/HS	15 (3.9%)
District Total	31 (4.2%)

My Mask Protects YOU

Your Mask Protects ME



The Bellevue Community School District has worked extremely hard to make our school settings in both buildings safe for our students and staff. We have offered online learning for students who are in

quarantine or isolation based upon an exposure to someone positive for COVID-19 or testing positive themselves. This method of offering learning to students has worked well for our district students and staff as a whole, with a few glitches and areas of improvement as we have gone through the school year.

While we have had a significant number of students in the district quarantine due to exposure, these situations nearly 99% of the time have been due to exposure outside of school (household members or other close contacts testing positive for COVID-19). We did have students placed in quarantine for our HS football and Varsity Volleyball teams this year as a precaution, and where social distancing was not possible. We also had an elementary classroom participate in remote learning for a week last month due to several students in quarantine for a variety of reasons.

While these have gone well, they are also not equal to in-person learning in the school buildings for our students and their learning. These are typically for no longer than two weeks, and are typically a shorter time based on the specific requirements for individuals and the dates they have been placed in quarantine or isolation as a result of COVID-19.

As a result, the Bellevue Community School District is not offering online learning from our teachers when the school buildings are open to all students on a daily basis beyond the circumstances of being quarantined or isolated as a result of decisions by the Jackson County Department of Public Health and/or our school district.

Students are required to wear masks in school where social distancing (6-feet) cannot take place, and the large majority of our students do a very good job at this and it is being addressed when students are not. We have classroom "set-ups" in most cases where students are sitting apart from each other, and when they do get together closer than 6-feet they are required to wear a mask.

At the same time, the district anticipates offering an online learning program, Edgenuity, to students once again this semester. Edgenuity will likely be available 2nd semester for students currently in the program this semester and to others who have medically-documented needs based on family health conditions which COVID-19 would impact according to medical professionals.

