



# BRISTOL SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

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Dear Bristol Families,

Kenosha County Health Officer Dr. Jen Freiheit recently issued a press release strongly recommending that all schools within the county -- K-12, colleges and universities -- switch to virtual instruction only between November 23 and January 4. The goal of her recommendation is to keep the students, school staff and families as safe as possible as we move into the holiday season. Dr. Freiheit acknowledges while her recommendation is not an order, it should be given serious consideration.

Serious consideration has been and will continue to be given. There has been a lot of discussion among the schools in the county and with health officials. I've also consulted with the Bristol Board of Education and my leadership team. Bristol School's initial plan is to remain open to in-person learning as we continue to monitor the data of test results, close contacts, and our ability to find coverage for teachers and staff. Further discussion will take place at the upcoming Board of Education Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th at 5:30pm.

The numbers will drive the decision to keep our building open. We hope to avoid any extended closure but we ask for parents to have a contingency plan in the event a move to virtual is made. Like many other school districts, each additional positive COVID-19 notification and close contact identification creates more challenges to effectively staff our buildings.

Today (11/10), we received notification of additional positive COVID-19 cases. As a result, we have identified and reached out to close contacts of these individuals, who will also be required to quarantine.

Close contacts include those who:

- Had direct physical contact with any of the infected individuals (e.g.: a hug or handshake).
- Were within six feet of any of the COVID-19-positive individuals for more than 15 minutes.
- Had contact with respiratory secretions from any of the infected individuals (e.g.: were coughed/sneezed on, had contact with dirty tissue, or shared a drinking glass, food or towels or other personal items).

Those who did not receive a COVID-19 Close Contact Notification were likely not in contact with the diagnosed individuals.

Parents, we ask that you continue to monitor your children and family members for any COVID-19 symptoms, including but not limited to: Fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, fatigue, headaches, etc. Those who do become symptomatic should call their health care provider and notify Bristol School nurse at [nurse@bristol.k12.wi.us](mailto:nurse@bristol.k12.wi.us).

Those seeking testing for the virus can find a frequently updated list of testing sites in and around Kenosha County at <https://www.kenoshacounty.org/2058/COVID-19-Testing-Locations>.

For information about COVID-19 cases in Kenosha County and measures people can take to protect themselves from the virus, visit the Kenosha County COVID-19 Information Hub website at [www.kenoshacounty.org/covid-19](http://www.kenoshacounty.org/covid-19).

Sincerely,

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