

Bridesburg School

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Dear **Bridesburg School Families**,

We consider the health and safety of our students and staff to be of extreme importance and are working closely with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

With this in mind, we need to ask all parents and students to help us keep everyone safe and do our part to prevent the spread of viruses and keep each other healthy as we approach the Holiday Season! Please follow these important guidelines:

- If your child is ill, please keep them home.
- All children need to be sent to school every day with a mask that covers their mouths and noses and fits properly. MANY children come to school WITHOUT masks daily. We do not have a limitless supply, so please help us.
- If someone in your household contracts COVID-19, we ask that you inform us so that we can protect the rest of the students and families of Bridesburg.
- During Lunch, we ask all students to remain in their seats at all times. After eating, you must immediately replace your mask.
- At recess, keep a safe distance from classmates (6 feet apart).
- Once you enter school grounds, wear a mask, especially during morning entry and dismissal. We encourage all students to wear masks while walking home.
- If your child is quarantined after being exposed to someone that tested positive, their absences are excused. There is no need for a note. Students are reminded to check their google classrooms for directions regarding classwork and assignments to complete

IF your child is identified as someone who may have been in close contact (defined as being within six feet of the infected person for more than 15 minutes within a 48-hour period), you will be contacted by Bridesburg School, PDPH and/or Student Health Services with important information concerning the need for your child to quarantine.

As an extra precaution, we encourage you to monitor your child closely for the common symptoms associated with COVID-19 listed in the chart below.

Symptoms Associated with COVID-19 Illness

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| ○ fever of 100.4 F or greater. | new loss of sense of taste |
| ○ chills | new loss of sense of smell |
| ○ muscle pain | shortness of breath |
| ○ headache | cough |
| ○ sore throat | |

If your child experiences any of the symptoms above, they should be tested for COVID-19. To find a testing site near you, please visit www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites. Should you have questions or immediate concerns, please call the Philadelphia Health Department's COVID-19 Hotline at 215-685-5488.

Thank you, take care and stay safe.

James Serpiello, Principal