

Dear Staff or Parents/Guardians,

On April 16, 2021, the Bethlehem Area School District was notified of 2 positive cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) within the same family at Miller Heights Elementary School. They were last in school on April 8, 2021.

The BASD Health Services Department, in consultation with the City of Bethlehem Health Bureau, completed contact tracing. Close contacts, if any, have been communicated with direct instructions to self-quarantine. A close contact is defined as a person who was within six feet for 15 minutes or more of a positive case during the time that the person is infectious. The classrooms and spaces used by the individual were cleaned and disinfected according to CDC guidelines.

Parents, students, and staff are encouraged to do the following to help prevent the spread of illness at home, in school and at work:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with the inside of your elbow when you cough and sneeze.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Practice social distancing and wear a mask.

Please follow the guidelines below to determine if you (child or staff) should stay home:

Column A If you checked 1 or more symptoms, student/staff should stay home from school/work	Column B If you checked 2 or more symptoms, student/staff should stay home from school/work	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fever (100°F or higher) <input type="checkbox"/> Cough <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty breathing <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea or vomiting <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of smell or taste (without congestion)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat <input type="checkbox"/> Chills <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Headache <input type="checkbox"/> Congestion or runny nose

The Bethlehem Area School District will continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates as needed. Please know the health and safety of our students and staff is our utmost priority. If you have any questions or concerns about this

information, students/parents please contact Dr. Kim Brannan, Supervisor of Health Services at kzsitekbrannan@basdschools.org and staff contact Carole Hall at chall@basdschools.org.

We thank you for your continued cooperation and support.
Sincerely, Dr. Kim Brannan, DNP CSN, Supervisor of Health Services

