



# BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT EDUCATION CENTER

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September 10, 2021

Dear Miller Heights Parents/Guardians,

In consultation with the City of Bethlehem Health Bureau, Miller Heights Elementary School will move to remote instruction next week due to twelve reported COVID cases involving five separate classrooms and four different grade levels since the opening of this school year.

The schedule for the week is:

- Monday, Sept. 13th - school closed for Miller Heights students, no remote instruction. Teachers will share information regarding the week's schedule, including zoom times and accessing assignments.
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday (Sept. 14th, 15th & 17th) - Miller Heights students will participate in remote learning with schedule details to be provided by teachers on Monday.
- Thursday, September 16th is a previously scheduled school holiday for Yom Kippur

The move to remote learning prevents close contacts and interrupts potential virus spread with the goal of returning to five day a week, in-person instruction on Monday, September 20th. We are regretfully taking this action after monitoring the relationship between increasing case numbers at Miller Heights over the past two weeks (including the reporting of 3 new cases today). We urge parents to carefully assess participation in outside of school activities next week, as we do not want to inadvertently add to increasing cases in the Miller Heights community. Information regarding student meal distribution for next week will be disseminated on Monday.

If your child has any COVID symptoms (see chart below) or if you have any questions, please contact Dr. Kim Brannan, Supervisor of Health Services at [kzsitekbrannan@basdschools.org](mailto:kzsitekbrannan@basdschools.org). We encourage you to contact your family doctor for any concerns as well.

The health and safety of our families, students and staff continue to be our utmost concern. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Roy, Ed.D  
Superintendent of Schools

Lisa Young  
Principal

Please follow the guidelines below to determine if your child 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue