

October 30th, 2020

Dear Boyertown Families,

We are reaching out to provide you with an update regarding the current status of the instructional delivery model for the Boyertown Area School District. Again, this week, the Department of Health has designated Berks County as being in the “substantial level” of community transmission. We are continuing to monitor this data, and most importantly, analyzing what is happening in our school district specifically.

While we have had cases of COVID in the Boyertown area, there has been no indication of any transmission of the virus in our school settings, as of the release of this letter. At this time, the Boyertown Area School District will continue to offer all of the available instructional models currently in place for our students, including A/B in-person learning at the elementary and secondary levels, Boyertown Virtual Learning, and Berks Online Learning (BOL) through November 6th, 2020.

Beginning Monday, November 9th, the district will be transitioning the K-5 instructional model only. K-5 will move from the A/B model to 4 days of in-person instruction. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday will be school days for all students who currently come to school in-person. Wednesdays will remain virtual for all students K-12.

Please follow these guidelines for all students in K-5:

- 1) Any parent of a current BASD Virtual ONLY student who would like their child to return to in-person learning 4 days a week beginning November 9th MUST call the main office of their child’s school no later than noon on Wednesday, November 4th, 2020. Please note that any BASD virtual student who returns to in-person learning may have a different teacher upon their return in order for the school to comply with our Health and Safety Plan.
- 2) Any parent of a current IN-PERSON (Group A or B) student who would like their child to move to BASD Virtual ONLY (No in-person learning) beginning November 9th MUST call the main office of their child’s school no later than noon on Wednesday, November 4th, 2020.
- 3) Please be advised that students who attend BASD Virtual must remain in that learning model of instruction for the remainder of the first semester.

Any K-12 parent that responded to the survey indicating that they wanted their child to move to in-person learning must reach out to their child’s building principal to confirm this transition no later than noon on Wednesday, November 4th, 2020. Parents may request moving their children from in-person to virtual, but there will be no more movement back into the buildings after November 4th, until the start of the second semester.

The week following the Thanksgiving break (Tuesday, December 1st – Friday, December 4th, 2020) will be virtual for all K-12 students. We will resume all in person models of instruction on Monday, December 7th, 2020.

We appreciate what we have been seeing in the BASD community with families taking precautions, but we still need your help to keep everyone safe while in-person learning continues. If children show any symptoms from the screening checklist, they should stay home. We encourage you to take the time to conduct the screenings; they are vital to our efforts to remain in schools.

The other critical factors in our Health and Safety Plan are our staff and students wearing their masks properly (covering both the nose and mouth) and maintaining social distance at all times. We have found that adherence to this vital component of our health and safety plan has allowed us to continue to offer families choices of instructional models.

We recognize that conditions and context of the virus continue to evolve and encourage families to have a plan in the event we would need to transition to a fully remote model of instruction.

Thank you for your support of the Boyertown Area School District during these challenging times. We remain committed to providing you with important information in a timely manner and will maintain this practice as the school year progresses.

Sincerely,

Marybeth Torchia

Acting Superintendent of Schools

NOVEMBER	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	2 Group A K-12 In-person	3 Group A K-12 In-person	4 ALL VIRTUAL	5 Group B K-12 In-person	6 Group B K-12 In-person
First week of K-5 In-person Learning 4 days per week.	9 K-5 IN PERSON Group A 6-12 In-person	10 K-5 IN PERSON Group A 6-12 In-person	11 ALL VIRTUAL	12 K-5 IN PERSON Group B 6-12 In-person	13 K-5 IN PERSON Group B 6-12 In-person
	16 K-5 IN PERSON Group A 6-12 In-person	17 K-5 IN PERSON Group A 6-12 In-person	18 ALL VIRTUAL	19 K-5 IN PERSON Group B 6-12 In-person	20 K-5 IN PERSON Group B 6-12 In-person
	23 K-5 IN PERSON Group A 6-12 In-person EARLY DISMISSAL	24 K-5 IN PERSON Group A 6-12 In-person EARLY DISMISSAL	25 ALL VIRTUAL EARLY DISMISSAL	26 THANKSGIVING NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY	27 NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY
	30 NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY				

NOVEMBER 23, 24, AND 25 ARE PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

DECEMBER	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 ALL VIRTUAL	2 ALL VIRTUAL	3 ALL VIRTUAL	4 ALL VIRTUAL
	7 K-5 IN PERSON Group A 6-12 In-person	8 K-5 IN PERSON Group A 6-12 In-person	9 ALL VIRTUAL	10 K-5 IN PERSON Group B 6-12 In-person	11 K-5 IN PERSON Group B 6-12 In-person
	14 K-5 IN PERSON Group A 6-12 In-person	15 K-5 IN PERSON Group A 6-12 In-person	16 ALL VIRTUAL	17 K-5 IN PERSON Group B 6-12 In-person	18 K-5 IN PERSON Group B 6-12 In-person
	21 K-5 IN PERSON Group A 6-12 In-person	22 K-5 IN PERSON Group A 6-12 In-person	23 ALL VIRTUAL EARLY DISMISSAL	24 NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY	25 NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY
	28 NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY	29 NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY	30 NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY	31 NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY	