

Dear Belmont Families and Staff,

I am writing to share our updated process for communicating any Covid cases that happen within our school community.

As we did last year, when we are notified of a school community member who has tested positive for Covid we will work with the Department of Health to immediately identify and communicate with any close contacts. The close contacts will either participate in our Test & Stay program (sign up [here](#)) or quarantine per our [Covid protocols](#).

We will report any confirmed Covid cases to the entire school community once a week on Wednesdays. We are reporting weekly in order to be consistent with state-wide reporting standards, but please know that we will inform any close contacts immediately upon learning of a positive Covid case. You will receive the first weekly Covid reporting update next week on Wednesday, September 22.

In an effort to reduce the number of emails we send on this topic, we are sharing this week's Covid cases in this communication rather than in a separate letter. Since school began, we have had two confirmed cases of Covid-19 in our school community:

- 1 case at Chenery Middle School where there were no close contacts.
- 1 case at Winn Brook where close contacts were identified. Contact tracing, led by our nursing staff, has been completed and close contacts have been notified.

For further information, please see the [Town of Belmont Covid-19 dashboard](#). Please feel free to contact me or our Director of Nursing, [Beth Rumley](#), if you have questions about any Covid-related issues.

Respectfully,

John P. Phelan
Superintendent of Schools
Town of Belmont