

Dear Belmont Families and Staff,

I wanted to be in touch with an update about student vaccination rates and our new Routine Covid Safety Checks (pool testing) program.

It is gratifying to see the high percentage of students who are fully vaccinated at each eligible grade level:

12th grade – 80.82%
11th grade – 80.85%
10th grade – 83.18%
9th grade – 79.1%
8th grade – 77.5%
7th grade – 72.69%

We are grateful to the families who have signed their children up for our Routine Covid Safety Checks (pool testing) program. **We strongly encourage every student to sign up for this program [here](#), for two important reasons.**

1. The effectiveness of this program will depend on the number of students who sign up. The more people who sign up, the safer and more informed our community will be.
2. **Only students who are signed up for Routine Covid Safety Checks will be eligible for [Test & Stay](#).** If your student is signed up for this program and is identified as a close contact of someone in a school-based setting who has Covid, they will be allowed to take part in the test and stay program. If they are NOT signed up for the program, they will have to go home and quarantine as per our [Covid health protocols](#).

Belmont Public Schools are ready to begin Routine Covid Safety Checks and Test & Stay as soon as we receive the required resources from the state. To date, here are the percentages of students who have signed up for pool testing at each school:

- Belmont High School - 27%
- Chenery Middle School - 43%
- Burbank - 51%
- Butler - 55%
- Wellington - 61%
- Winn Brook - 55%

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