

The Weekly Comet Update

From Tom Meyer, Superintendent of the Bellevue Community School District

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District-Wide COVID-19 Information - October 16

The Bellevue CSD has the following information to release in regard to COVID-19 for this week and (last week) in the Bellevue CSD:

Building	Quarantine	Students
Elementary	<6	(10)
MS/HS	0	(7)
District Total	<6	(17)

Student Positive Test Numbers for COVID-19 this week (school year number in parenthesis)

Elementary	<6
MS/HS	0 (13)

Staff members testing positive is <6 in both buildings combined.

Bellevue Comet Marching Band

While the Iowa High School Music Association is not having their normal state marching banding contest, they are having a virtual contest for our students and program. Mr. Davies has submitted our performance to this online event along with another event held nationally. The Comet Marching Band has an outstanding program once again this year. Thanks to the Comets for their efforts. Come see them march on Friday during halftime of the football game.

COVID-19 in Iowa

The Bellevue CSD continues to combat and work to mitigate COVID-19. Our data is indicated on the left, along with overall weekly summaries on the district website at www.bellevue.k12.ia.us

While our numbers are in the same range as some neighboring districts (lower than many), the *amount of positive tests has recently decreased*. But, this does not mean that the state or area are not still being impacted or will be impacted in the future. **The Des Moines Register shared information from the White House's coronavirus task force this week in regard to Iowa having twice as many new coronavirus infections as the national average.** Additionally, **"Community spread continues in both rural and urban areas of Iowa** and it is critical that mitigation efforts increase to include mask wearing, physical distancing, hand hygiene, and avoiding crowds in public and social gatherings in private to stop the increasing spread among residents," the new report says.

Therefore, please remind your students to follow the guidelines as they attend school, along with following the protocols when your family attends school events or visit school facilities. While the district will still be providing masks free for students attending school daily, there will be a charge of \$1 for a mask for anyone not having a mask and wishing to attend an extracurricular event.

COVID Guidelines Update

Moving forward, we will not be supplying face masks for free to fans attending games in Bellevue. **Fans must either provide their own face coverings or we will have them for sale at the gate for \$1.** Face masks are required to enter our facilities. They must be worn at all times for indoor events and any time social distancing is not possible at our outdoor events including, but not limited to, entering and exiting the facility and while in line at the concession stand.

