

The Weekly Comet Update

From Tom Meyer, Superintendent of the Bellevue Community School District

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District-Wide COVID-19 Information - October 9

As we end the school week on Thursday (Oct. 8), the Bellevue CSD has the following information to release in regard to COVID-19 for this week and (last week).

<u>Building</u>	<u>Quarantine Students</u>
Elementary	10 (13)
MS/HS	7 (14)
District Total	17 (27)

Total Positive Test numbers for the school year for students in the elementary is <6, while the MS/HS has a total of 13 (total last week was 12).

Staff members testing positive is <6 in both buildings combined. Staff includes all employees in the district.



Social Distance; Avoid Large Gatherings; Wear a Mask; Student Learning

Some keys to continue the mitigation of COVID-19 include the following:

- 1. Social Distance** - Maintain 6-feet apart from others. If this cannot be done, then masks should be worn. This is for events and activities *both inside and outside (including school and youth football games)*.
- 2. Avoid Large Gatherings** - The time to attend large gatherings is not now. We postponed the Homecoming Dance for a reason....to avoid this possibility as much as possible (rescheduled for February). We also canceled the Homecoming Parade to assist in not promoting large gatherings while watching the parade. Failing to follow the guidance in regard to large gatherings only increases the risk for not only you and your student(s), but everyone else around. To be placed in quarantine as a close contact is not ideal, let alone the impact of developing the symptoms of COVID-19 and testing positive.
- 3. Wear a Mask** - Wear a mask when you cannot maintain the 6-feet of social distancing. This is following the guidance of numerous professional organizations (CDC, Iowa Department of Public Health, the governor of the state of Iowa, and others).

Learning of Students

While we have spent significant time on COVID-19 mitigation, learning is in full swing at the Bellevue CSD. It is great to be in school each day with our students, which is unlike some other districts in our area. The district has taken the steps to make this possible, and your support has been greatly appreciated. To the Left: Bellevue BIG students and their "Big Honey" project. Below: Bellevue Elementary students working with the Bellevue Fire Department on fire safety.



