

# The Weekly Comet Update

From Tom Meyer, Superintendent of the Bellevue Community School District

**Believe in the Blue! Believe in Learning! Believe in Bellevue!**

## All of Us Doing Our Part....School and Beyond

The Bellevue Community School District is requesting each family monitor their children's health on a daily basis prior to coming to school, including taking their child's temperature. The Iowa Department of Public Health has recommended that school districts and their stakeholders utilize the following guidelines:

If a student has **ONE of the following symptoms** a student should stay home and are advised to seek an evaluation by a health care provider:

- **New cough**
- **Shortness of Breath or difficulty breathing**
- **New loss of taste or smell**

If a student has **TWO of the following symptoms** a student should stay home and are advised to seek an evaluation by a health care provider:

- **Fever**
- **Headache**
- **Muscle/Body Aches**
- **Fatigue**
- **Sore Throat**
- **Runny Nose**
- **Congestion**
- **Nausea**
- **Vomiting**
- **Diarrhea**

## Working Together for Our Students and Their School Year and Free Meals

In the district's efforts to keep our parents and others aware of the impact of COVID-19 in our schools I am writing to inform you that the district has experienced some positive test results for our students. While only one positive test has been confirmed at the Bellevue Elementary School, a few more have been observed at the Bellevue MS/HS building. At this time, we have a total of six positive tests in the Bellevue MS/HS building this school year. As a result, we have also had some students quarantined from school as being close contacts outside of school or in athletic competitions and team involvement. We have not had any student quarantined as a result of being too close in classrooms during the normal school day.

The district is continually evaluating our environment and student health to ensure that we continue to maintain a safe learning environment for each and every student and staff member.

### Making Good Decisions

While the school continues to evaluate our routines and procedures with students, we also recognize the impact that the lives of our students and others outside of school has on a healthy student and staff population.

If we want our students to stay in school, we need to make sure that our students and community are following the guidance of medical professionals at the CDC, the Iowa Department of Public Health, and other professional organizations.

Social/Large group gatherings have been known to have a detrimental impact on the containment of COVID-19. Please keep this in mind as you and your students proceed through this school year.

Using face coverings when around others is strongly recommended, as individuals can spread COVID-19 to others even if they do not feel sick.

By working together as a team of dedicated community members and supporters of the Comets, we can all work to provide an exciting and safe experience for our students in school.

