



How Will You Be Notified If/When We Have A COVID-19 Case

Under what circumstances would Bethlehem move students to remote learning?

Although we are committed to continuing to offer in-person classes if permitted, we are aware that if conditions of the COVID-19 outbreak deteriorate, it may be deemed necessary to temporarily pause in-person school attendance. Under the following circumstances, Bethlehem may move students to remote learning:

- 10% or more of the student population has been diagnosed or has had known exposure to COVID-19
- There is a COVID-19 outbreak known to be tied to Bethlehem school attendance
- A government entity mandates a closure

What should families expect when someone in our community (student, faculty, staff, coach, or administrator) is diagnosed with COVID-19?

Regardless of any measures put into place, COVID-19 cases may occur among members of our school community. The reality is that we expect this to occur at some point -- or at multiple points -- throughout the school year. We ask that you keep in mind another reality: a positive case of COVID-19 in a member of our school community does not necessarily mean the case was contracted while the individual was at school.

When a COVID-19 case occurs in a member of our school community, you CAN expect:

- Written notification from the school that a member of our school community has received either a positive test result or clinical diagnosis.
- If your student has had exposure to the individual(s) as defined by Greene County Public Health (see below for details), you will be notified apart from the school-wide communication.

When a COVID-19 case occurs in a member of our school community, you SHOULD NOT expect:

- The name(s) of the individual(s) who have been diagnosed. Disclosure of this information or any other individual health information would place our school in violation of HIPAA regulations.

Partnering with our local Health Department: School administration has spoken to the Greene County Public Health (GCPH) to determine a protocol for positive cases within our school community.

Greene County Public Health has defined ‘exposure’ as being less than six feet apart for more than 15 minutes.

Greene County Public Health has additionally set forth these recommendations for our school should a positive case or cases be identified in our community:

- The school will call the GCPH to report the case within 24 hours of being notified by the parent or staff member.
- The GCPH will follow up with the person who tests positive once their test results are reported by their physician
- The GCPH will perform tracing; this may include contacting other individuals who meet the exposure criteria.
- The school will notify specific individuals who have met the criteria for exposure to the ill individual.
- The ill individual should isolate for 10 days and should not return to school if symptoms are unresolved or if fever is still present (fever free without the use of fever-reducing medication)
- Individuals who meet the GCPH's criteria for exposure should quarantine for 14 days.

We continue to give thanks that each day it becomes easier to do the new procedures and that more and more learning is occurring. Thanks be to God each day students and teachers can meet in-person for teaching and learning. We are truly blessed. See you on Monday!

Serving the Master Teacher,
Mrs. Beth Landon

What To Do If Your Child Has a Fever

In these times there are several steps you should take if your child has a fever.

1. Call the school office and let us know that your child is home with a fever.
2. Determine the cause of the fever. This may be a reason to have your child visit the doctor or urgent care. (Ear infections, strep, influenza are a few of the illnesses we see which can cause fevers for students.)

In order for your child to return to school the following two items are vital:

- ✓ Your child must be fever free without any medication for 24 hours. This is written specifically in our handbook. Example: If your child had a fever Wednesday morning he could not return to school on Thursday and meet the 24 hour rule.
- ✓ Your child must have a note from a health care provider explaining cause of fever and/or assurance it is not coronavirus. Example: Billy had a fever due to an ear infection.

Our goal is be in-person for school for the entire year so we will be taking health concerns very seriously during this pandemic.

If your child receives a positive test result or a clinical diagnosis of Covid19, you must let the school know within 24 hours (letting us know sooner than that is obviously preferred). As you can see from the above article, by order of the Governor, there are things we must do quickly to remain open.

As always, we hope this information is never needed but we must be prepared. Please call the school office if you have questions.

LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL



Bethlehem Lutheran School will be closed on Monday September 7 for Labor Day. Bethlehem will be back for regular hours on Tuesday, September 8. Extended Care begins at 7:00 am and school begins at 8:30 am. The door will open for students at 8:15 am. Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend!

Holiday Trip Planned? Returning from Some States Will Require Quarantine

We know it is a holiday weekend and we truly hope you enjoy this time off with your families! However, we ask that you please be considerate with your choices. We have made it 13 days with in-person learning and would like to continue that streak! Ohio currently has 6 states under a travel advisory. If you visit Alabama, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, or Nevada it is recommended that you quarantine for two weeks upon your return. Please take all available precautions this weekend in order to maintain the safety of our school and so we can continue learning in person!

Masks



Kudos, parents! You have found wonderful, colorful and unique masks for your children! While we all would probably rather not wear a mask, they are not causing anxiety or angst in the classrooms and are certainly not hindering education.

Now that we are several weeks into the school year, we have a few suggestions to make this even easier.

1. Send a second mask in the backpack. A number of disposable masks broke this past week. A number of students could also use a change in the middle of the day (especially after recess or PE classes). A mask wet from sweat or saliva can be a breeding ground for a whole host of germs.
2. Wash the mask after each school day use. Some research is coming to light that having a clean mask each day will prevent us from some diseases like strep.

Scrip – Fundraising at No Cost

SCRIP is an easy way to support the PTO with shopping you're already doing. Instead of paying with your credit or debit card, purchase gift cards through www.shopwithscrip.com to do your shopping. When you purchase cards through SCRIP, a portion of each card purchased comes back to the school to help with costs of school events, field trips, and purchasing classroom and playground equipment.

It's easy to enroll. Go to shopwithscrip.com or download the RaiseRight app in the App Store or on Google Play. Set up an account using this enrollment code: 4132CFB75963 and start shopping.

The next school order for physical gift cards will be placed on Monday Sept. 14 for delivery on Wednesday Sept. 16. Need a card before then? Try e-cards that are available through the app or your shopwithscrip account immediately after purchase.

Any questions, contact Alison Witte or Leslie Lindsey or email bethlehemscrip@gmail.com.

An order form will be coming in a separate email.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 7	NO SCHOOL, LABOR DAY
Sept. 8	Bus routes will include Fairborn students with bus transfers before and after school
Sept. 10	Thrivent Webinar – Debt Free College
Sept 17	Thrivent Webinar – Grandparents and College
Sept. 22 & 24	Parent Teacher Conferences for Grades 6-8
Oct. 2	School Picture Day



September College Planning Webinar Offered by Terry Powers for Thrivent

It's back-to-school time and many are thinking about college for their children and grandchildren. Please join Terry Powers of Thrivent for a 3-Part Webinar Series on College Planning by Jeannie Burlowski:

Thursday	September 3	8 pm	College Scholarships
Thursday	September 10	8 pm	Debt Free College
Thursday	September 17	8 pm	Grandparents and College

Use the Flier address below (cut and drop in your browser) for sign-up or contact Terry at terry.powers@thrivent.com to Register.

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Collecting to Raise Funds



SHOPAROO: Program ended. Thank you for supporting Bethlehem through Shoparoo.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS: When you shop at Kroger and use a Kroger Plus Card, you could be supporting Bethlehem Lutheran School without making any additional donations. Through the Kroger Community Rewards program, when you link your Kroger Plus Card to the Bethlehem Lutheran School's nonprofit number (80102), Kroger will donate to our school every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus Card.

Please go to www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com to check your enrollment status.



Dead Batteries I know you have a plethora of these! Bethlehem will be saving dead batteries to get them into recycling and out of the landfills. Just drop off any dead batteries and we will get them to the right place.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION (10 cents each): Nifty little box tops are worth 10 cents each for BLS. Some older packages still have Box Tops on them. Clip and send them to school. Most new Box Tops can be sent by sending a photo of your receipt where the product was purchased to the Box Tops site.



POP TABS: Pop tabs are on most aluminum cans. Please: *remove* them, *send* them to school, we *deliver* them to the local Ronald McDonald House and they *redeem* them for cash to support the ministry they have of providing housing for families with an ill child. [We are having a class competition for pop tabs this fall!]



ALUMINUM CANS and SCRAP METAL: BLS recycles aluminum cans and scrap metal. Two large garbage cans are located under the steps by the Extended Care entrance. The cans and scrap metals appropriate for recycling are redeemed for cash. Much of our success in the past has come from people needing to recycle large appliances like washers and dryers. Please call the school office if you have large items to recycle and we can arrange for pick-up.



GOODSEARCH: A search engine, similar to Google, Goodsearch will donate a penny each time you use it. Also affiliated with it is Goodshop. A portion of your purchase through them also goes to the school. Set up your account at goodsearch.com



WHITE PAPER RECYCLING: Mr. Hall puts out a bin each Thursday for teachers and students to fill with the white paper they have recycled during the past week.