



Coronavirus Update 19

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Greetings BSD,

Today we received a reason to be cautiously optimistic in Vermont as beginning Monday small portions of the Vermont workforce will be allowed to return to work. This “**Phased Restart**” of Vermont’s economy still heavily restricts the number of people allowed in a space to two individuals and applies mainly to outdoor, construction, and professional services, but this is a start. Vermonters are still encouraged to wear facemasks and continue physical distancing. Let’s not get complacent now that we are on the right track.

Three things you should be monitoring to determine when it will be safe to return to some semblance of normalcy: **Testing - Tracing - Treatment**. Testing becomes more prevalent and effective. Contact tracing methods become precise in identifying the source of infection. Medical treatments and remedies prove effective for infected individuals. The data appears to show that our efforts are working as we face this pandemic together. Keep it up!

Break: I want to remind everyone that teachers, paras, students, principals, and others will be observing Spring Break from April 20-April 25. I hope our staff can take time during the break to breathe, and parents, I hope you will have an opportunity to turn off your concerns about school and focus on being present and in the moment with your children. Don’t forget, during this time:

- Childcare will remain open
- Food sites will continue serving with no interruption (**food sites are listed on our coronavirus webpage**)

THANK YOU to all our employees working to continue to provide these services!

Travel the World (virtually, of course): Even during normal circumstances, some of us do not always have the opportunity to travel during breaks. But I know this year we are all looking for some sort of escape. If you’re feeling like you need to get away, “**Choose your own virtual vacation**” is a passport for everyone looking for a distraction. (Thank you Portland!)

Continuity of Learning: During break, District leaders will be reviewing the first week of Continuity of Learning. If you have feedback that you have not yet presented, please be sure to **complete our questionnaire**.

Appreciation: Finally, I hope you will join me in offering up a huge thank you to our property services and custodial teams. These teams have been working on the front lines for us since the beginning of our experiences with this pandemic. They have continued to work tirelessly in our buildings to make sure our buildings are maintained: fixing leaks, repairing walls, planning for the future, and cleaning our buildings to ensure that when we are ready, our buildings will be ready too. Please find some images below of our team in action both before and after physical distancing.

Thank you for reading; have a restful and healthy break.

Superintendent Obeng

Thank you Property Services Team! (Left to Right: Custodians Hari Magar and Khina Thapa wiping down every surface of a BHS walkway before physical distancing and facemasks were implemented. Maintenance Utility employees Tony Chagnon and Jon Benway cleaning the Edmunds cafeteria so that Food Services can begin preparing hot meals for distribution next week. HMS Head Custodian Mustafa Semic enjoys a break with his partner Nijaza, also a BSD employee!)



Updated Chart from [Vermont Department of Health](#)

Total Cases

779

Currently Hospitalized

32

Hospitalized Under Investigation

24

Deaths

35

Total Tests

12,116

People Being Monitored

29

People Completed Monitoring

804

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