

November 3rd, 2020

Boquet Valley Students, Parents, Faculty and Staff:

As we complete our tenth week of school, we are excited for all of the success so far this academic year. It has been nice to have students back in the classrooms. The additional effort made by our faculty and staff, and by the students and families is sincerely appreciated.

INSTRUCTION MODEL:

If you recall, our Reopening Plan has the school year broken into 5-week segments. We are preparing for the third of these 5-week segments. Our plan is to continue having students for in-person instruction on both campuses and at all grade-levels, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. **Wednesdays will continue to be remote for all students.** Remote-learning will still be available for those students who would prefer that model. Again, we are asking that you commit for 5 weeks to whichever model you choose. We have been trying to work with our families to accommodate your needs in this regard whenever we can however, we can no longer guarantee that a student can switch models **during** the 5 weeks. Switching models can only be guaranteed at the start of a 5-week segment. I apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

If you are planning on **changing models**, please contact the main office as soon as possible. If you have been remote and plan to stay remote, or if you have been in-person and plan to stay in-person, you do not need to contact us.

- **Lake View Campus (PreK-5)- 518-962-8244**
- **Mountain View Campus (6-12) 518-873-6371**

ATTESTATIONS:

Parents must be completing the temperature checks and the attestations daily on behalf of their children. The full attestation is available at <https://entry.neric.org/boquetvalley>. This link pops up every time you go to our website <http://www.boquetvalleycsd.org/>. These questions have been and will continue to be updated as needed. Please check back daily to ensure that you are answering the appropriate questions.

1. In the past 10 days, have you/your child tested positive for COVID-19 or are you/your child waiting for a COVID-19 test result?
2. In the last 14 days, have you/your child traveled internationally to a CDC level 2 or 3 COVID-19 related travel health notice country or traveled to a state or territory on the NYS Travel Advisory List, or been designated a contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 by a local health department?
3. Since your last day of work or last visit here, have you/your child had any of these symptoms?
 - A temperature greater than or equal to 100.0° F (37.8° C)
 - Feel feverish or have chills
 - Cough
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Fatigue/feeling of tiredness
 - Sore throat
 - Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
 - Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
 - Muscle pain or body aches
 - Headaches
 - Nasal congestion/runny nose

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

It is essential that everyone understands that **the guidance is regularly changing**. Information is pushed down from the Governor, NYS Education Department, and/or NYS Department of Health. From there, Essex County Health Department (who has been an outstanding partner and resource through this pandemic) assists our district in interpreting how any new guidance may actually impact us. Boquet Valley Central School is always following the most current guidance. This can be confusing and frustrating to our employees, families and students as it may seem like you are getting different answers from one day to the next.

- CAN YOUR CHILD GO TO SCHOOL TODAY?
 - Unless otherwise directed by your health care provider, the Essex County Health Department, or the school nurse; as long as you are able to answer “no” to all of the attestation question on that day, your child can come to school.
- WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOUR CHILD IS SENT HOME OR STAYS HOME DUE TO COVID SYMPTOMS?
 - Your child must be evaluated by their health care provider. This may result in needing a negative COVID test before returning to school.
- WHEN CAN MY CHILD GO BACK TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID?
 - The Essex County Department of Health will be in contact with any positive cases and provide you with an appropriate timeline.
- WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THERE IS A COVID CASE IN OUR DISTRICT?
 - Depending on when we are alerted to this, and based on what has happened to districts in our area, it is likely that we would shift to a full remote model for at least 24 hours to allow for appropriate contact tracing. It may be necessary to extend this to 2-weeks.

Reminders:

- Complete the health attestation and temperature check every morning, prior to sending your child to school.
- Masks must be worn on the bus at all times.
- If it is at all possible, please transport your child(ren) to and/or from school.
- Masks are required at all times. Mask breaks will be scheduled by the teacher.
- Wash your hands, wear a mask, social distance, limit your contact with surfaces.

In closing, I want to once again thank all of our employees, families, and students. While we are still nowhere near “normal” overall, we have been able to provide some normal experiences. This is because of the understanding and cooperation of everyone involved. Your acknowledgement of the situation, and respect for the procedures that we have put in place is appreciated beyond measure.

Sincerely,



Joshua R. Meyer