

# BRIDGEPORT EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good afternoon. Today, the Bridgeport Middle School had its 2<sup>nd</sup> lab confirmed positive COVID-19 case reported. Proactively, our school nurse has contacted families of the students directed to quarantine. For your reference, we now have 4 lab confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in our school district. The breakdown of those cases is below for your review.

- High School – 2 positive COVID-19 cases. Both of these students should return to school after Thanksgiving break.
- Middle School – 2 positive COVID-19 cases. Both of these students should return to school after Thanksgiving break.
- Elementary School – 0 positive COVID-19 cases
- Faculty – 0 positive COVID-19 cases

Parents and guardians, I want to thank you all for the wonderful job you are doing to monitor your children's symptoms before sending them to school. As we transition into this Thanksgiving break, I'd like to remind you of our virtual or phone parent teacher conferences on Monday, November 23, 2020 from 12 to 7 p.m.

I would be forgetful if I didn't mention the dedication of our faculty and staff in their efforts to sanitize and remind every student of our safety procedures in keeping the spread of COVID-19 to a minimum. Their efforts have truly been tremendous. It is so very important, that in this time of our constant news cycle, that we take the time to look at the facts and align our decisions with those in charge, such as our health departments and the CDC. To that regard, the CDC Director Robert Redfield did state on Thursday that schools should remain open during the pandemic. He goes on to say that today, there is extensive data to confirm that K-12 schools can operate with face-to-face learning and they can do it safely and they can do it responsibly. Here at Bridgeport, we are operating safely and responsibly. Should we reach a time that we need to move to remote or virtual learning, please know that I am confident that our faculty, students and administration can do so seamlessly.

On behalf of the Bridgeport School District, I want to wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving break. Thank you, and as always, Go Dogs!

Brent Ripley,

Superintendent Bridgeport EVSD