



# Bristol Township School District

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Dear Bristol Township Community,

The Bristol Township staff are eagerly anticipating the return of students to our buildings. The first step in our Staggered Hybrid Start plan begins Monday, October 5, 2020 for all **Autistic Support, Emotional Support, and Life Skills Support**. **All other students will continue to learn remotely with the current virtual schedule. The Board of Directors will vote on October 19, 2020, to move to a hybrid model.** As students return, we ask that parents/guardians use the following [link to screen](#) your child for possible COVID-19 symptoms prior to sending them to school each day.

To answer questions about COVID-19 communications for those returning to school on October 5, 2020, and in preparation for hybrid learning. The following information is our District protocol for communication when there is a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in the District.

- If a student is sent to the nurse for COVID-19 symptoms, the nurse will conduct a triage assessment ([see link](#)). Depending on the outcome of the assessment, your child may be sent home with further recommendations regarding consulting your primary physician. Please know that the District does not make the decision about COVID-19 testing. The testing decision is dependent upon the evaluation by the family physician.
- If a student tests positive for COVID-19, the Bucks County Department of Health (BCDOH) will contact the district.
- For all positive cases, the District will alert families of students and the teachers that were in direct contact with the student. The District will send the names of those individuals to the BCDOH. Direct contact is defined by the Bucks County Department of Health as within 6 feet of an individual for a minimum of 15 consecutive minutes.
- Both the District and the BCDOH will contact all families and staff who have been in direct contact with a positive case. The Bristol Township School District is following the CDC/State Department of Health quarantine guidelines and a full (14 days) quarantine.
- The family of any student who tests positive will need to get a clearance letter from the BCDOH to return to school. This letter will be sent to the school nurse before the student is cleared to return to school.

Parents are encouraged to contact their child's physician or the BCDOH for additional health/safety concerns specific to their family. We look forward to welcoming students and staff back on Monday!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melanie Gehrens".

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Superintendent of Schools  
Bristol Township School District