

# Burrillville School Department

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Dear BHS Faculty/Staff and Parents/Guardians,

Over the last week, we have been alerted that several students and staff members from BHS have tested positive for COVID 19. These individuals are currently in quarantine and/or isolation. Due to federal health privacy laws, information regarding the staff members'/students' identities cannot be released. In addition to those testing positive for COVID 19, a large number of students and teachers have been identified as close contacts and must quarantine and/or be tested for COVID 19.

We have been in contact with the RI Department of Health (RIDOH) and have been working collaboratively during the process of identifying and notifying close contacts. **In hopes of limiting further disruption to in-person teaching and learning, BHS is moving to distance learning for the remainder of this week (December 9th & 10th).** This decision was made in an abundance of caution; we plan to return to in-person instruction on Monday, December 13th. All after-school events will take place as scheduled this week unless otherwise noted.

**Students will receive live instruction and attend their classes virtually during these distance learning days.** The school day will run a distance learning schedule with students reporting from 8:00 am to 2:05 pm. and follow the normal class schedule. Students are expected to log in their respective class Google Meets at the time that class would normally meet in school. If you have specific questions about a teacher's class, please contact the teacher via email.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we will get through these challenging times. As you know, the well-being of our students, staff and families is, and will remain, our number one priority.

Best Regards,

*Michael Sollitto*

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