



March 4, 2021

Dear BRES and BRHS Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to inform you that we were notified last night that a member of our school community has tested positive for COVID-19. As soon as we were notified we quickly took all appropriate action following rigorous protocols developed by the Maine Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Maine Department of Education (DOE). As a result we must do the following:

- We must immediately transition to our Plan Red. All in-class instruction will shift to remote learning at both the Boothbay Region Elementary School and Boothbay Region High School.
- The plan is to reopen our schools to students for in person learning on Monday, March 15th. Nonetheless, we are hopeful that we will be able to move this date forward as we learn more from the Maine CDC and the Maine DOE. We will keep you informed.

While our school and community has done an outstanding job working to fight the spread of the virus, COVID-19 is still active. Our job is to swiftly respond to any cases that appear, following the set protocols of the CDC and DOE, and be transparent every step of the way.

How You Can Help

Be proactive by practicing physical (or social) distancing (staying at 3-6 feet apart) to limit the spread of the coronavirus. In addition to physical distancing, another important tool to prevent the spread of coronavirus is to practice good hygiene. Important public health prevention messages include:

- **Stay home when you are sick.** Anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID 19 should remain at home in isolation for a minimum of 10 days plus at least 3 days after the resolution of fever (without fever-reducing medication) and improvement in other symptoms.
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.** Sing the Happy Birthday song twice to help know when it has been 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers that contain at least 60% alcohol.

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then dispose of the tissue and clean your hands immediately. If you do not have a tissue, use their sleeve, not your hands, to cover their coughs and sneezes.
- Limit close contact with people who are sick, and avoid sharing food, drinks, or utensils.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes.
- All students and staff should wear a mask or face covering while in the Educational Setting.

*Please be sure to complete your Ruvna Health screening daily. Taking these steps will help keep our educational setting safe.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Laser", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Keith S. Laser, Ed.D.

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