

Dear BSCSD Parents and Caregivers:

Over the course of the weekend and throughout yesterday and today, we have had a total of 8 positive cases for Middle and High School students that has resulted in a significant number of students being placed in mandatory quarantine. Based on today's positive cases and the tracing that will be required, all students in grades 8-10 will be fully remote tomorrow, Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

All students who are impacted by the tracing will be contacted by Mrs. D'Agostino, Our COVID Coordinator, and by the Saratoga County Department of Public Health Services. We anticipate that we will return to our scheduled in-person classes on Thursday and will confirm that with you by later tomorrow afternoon.

As I have reported in previous updates, while [the Saratoga County 7-day percent positive](#) continues in a general downward direction, yesterday's daily percent positive for the county was 3.7% and today's rate is 3.2%, both of which are notably higher than the last several days. To this point, according to the [CDC Tracker](#) Saratoga County is *still* considered at high risk for community spread of the virus. With this in mind, *please* continue to be diligent and please encourage your friends and neighbors to continue to be diligent with adherence to the hygienic and group size congregation requirements for managing the virus.

Finally, as some of you are aware, the travel guidelines from NYS have changed over the past two weeks and are as follows:

1. On March 3, the Governor announced that until March 31, all travelers coming into (or back into NYS) who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to quarantine or "test out" of quarantine. All others would be required to quarantine or could "test out" as detailed in the March 10 Interim Guidance.
2. On March 10, the Governor announced that effective April 1, no domestic traveler (traveling within the United States) will have to quarantine or test out upon returning to New York State.

For those who will be traveling out of state for spring break, please do so with continued caution and vigilance against the virus, particularly given the ongoing risk for community spread as noted above.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [schoolopening@bscsd.org](mailto:schoolopening@bscsd.org).

Thanks very much.

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