



Coronavirus Update 3

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Greetings BSD Community,

Over the weekend health officials announced the first case of COVID-19 in Vermont in Bennington. At this time, there are still no confirmed reported cases in Burlington or Burlington Schools.

Our District Health Team continues to meet and communicate regularly and remains in constant communication with the AOE and VT Dept of Health. At this time we have not been directed to quarantine individuals or decline them access to school, and schools remain open as normal.

The chart below is updated daily on the [Vermont Department of Health website](#) and shows the current impact of coronavirus in the state.

Vermont cases of COVID-19	1
Vermonters tested negative for COVID-19	28
Vermonters being monitored	224
Vermonters who have completed monitoring	23

Our Health Team met again this morning and shared that a number of measures are being taken to double our prevention efforts District-wide:

- Property Services has been working with the AOE and OSHA guidelines to ensure we continue to clean and disinfect within standards. All Property Services staff have been given the expectations of the guidelines and are responding to this critical work earnestly.
- Food Services has been working with their distributors, and the USDA, to ensure our food preparation and distribution maintains healthy practice.
- We have well-trained Nurse practitioners in every school monitoring the health of our school populations. Our nursing and special education staff have been in contact with families of students who have immunosuppressed systems and are keeping a watchful eye on our most vulnerable students.
- Our multilingual liaisons are working hard to help us ensure EL students and families are informed.
- Afterschool program has added increased time for handwashing after outside play.
- Our communication team is working on having a webpage ready to make these updates and more readily available to our community.

I want to reiterate that the [Center for Disease Control](#) (CDC) is asking travelers returning from high-risk countries to stay home and monitor their health for 14 days after returning to the United States. The Vermont Dept of Health now says returning travelers whose last day in China, Italy, South Korea or Iran was March 4 or afterward, and any travelers returning from Japan should monitor their health for 14 days after returning to the United States. All travelers who have returned from those countries in the last 14 days should call the Health Department at 802-863-7240 to discuss monitoring.

Please know that we are working hard to make sure we stay on top of any and all developments. We will continue to work behind the scenes to ensure we are ready for any situation that may arise and we will continue to share updates. In between updates, you can send me emails for questions and/or visit the [Vermont Dept. of Health website](#) or the [CDC website](#).

Thank you for reading,

Superintendent Obeng

P.S. The Vermont Department of Health also passed along that NPR has a well-done illustration for kids that could be useful in calming the concerns for our elementary students. [Just For Kids: A Comic Exploring The New Coronavirus](#). This has been shared with all BSD teachers by our District Equity & Access Leadership Team (DEALT) for use with students as needed.

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