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Dear BCS Families,

I hope this update finds you well. This correspondence serves as an update to the current levels of transmission of COVID-19 in the Town of Bethany and the Bethany Community School.

The Department of Health (DPH) continues to report town-level data for the number of new cases per 100,000 population and for the percent test positivity in the following dataset: [COVID-19 Case Rate by Town](#). As reported in my correspondence this afternoon, BCS reports one positive case this week. The Town of Bethany is at a rate of 13 positive cases per 100,000 for the time period of October 25th to November 17th, putting the Town in the Orange zone. After reviewing local and school metrics, Quinnipiack Valley Health District (QVHD) supports our decision to remain in the in-person learning model, at this time.

According to QVHD, the positive COVID cases reported in the Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge and Amity school districts are not the result of school spread but rather from activities out in the community including, birthday parties, sleep overs, sport activities, and other social gatherings.

On behalf of QVHD, I have been asked to remind our entire Bethany school community about the necessity to act in a responsible and safe manner. This is not limited to our time in school, but also our time outside of school. In social gatherings, the need to practice health safety including, the use of face coverings, physical distancing, and hand hygiene, continues to be paramount. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Stay safe and be well,

Colleen M. Murray
Superintendent