

Dear BUUSD Educators,

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the middle of December and nearing the halfway point of our school year. You all have been putting in a tremendous amount of work for our students and it is greatly appreciated. I am sharing some information today to help you plan for a successful second semester of our school year. We are planning to return to our hybrid schedule on January 4th and a return to increased in-person instruction through January and February. The Reopening Team has been working on these details and will present our plan to the School Board at their December 17th meeting. Your students and school community need us to do our part to help make this happen.

Here are some things that we all need to keep in mind while making personal and family plans.

- It is expected that FFCRA leave (otherwise known as COVID-19 leave) will expire at the end of this month.
- Teachers and support staff will need to access their leave if they need to quarantine.
- It is the general expectation that teachers and support staff will work in person when school is in-person.
- We all must follow Governor Scott's Executive Order including Addendum 8 which suspended multi-household social gatherings. Specifically, among other changes, the Order prohibits multiple households from participating in the same social gatherings, including group trips; gatherings related ceremonies, holiday events, parties and celebrations; and sharing accommodations with anyone outside your household

We must be mindful of situations that would require us to quarantine and leave our colleagues with the difficult task of holding school while we are absent. This table provides some helpful information.

<i>*not a complete list*</i> <i>*subject to change per the release of any new Executive Order*</i>	
<i>Examples of Actions <u>Requiring Quarantine</u></i>	<i>Actions <u>Not Requiring Quarantine</u></i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● As of November 14th, you are required to quarantine if you gather with people you don't live with. This includes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Social gatherings of any kind with people outside your immediate household including "all inside and outside social, recreational and entertainment gatherings, and in	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Gathering in pre-established "pods" related to education and/or child care as clarified by the VT DOH FAQ: Guidance for Schools Related to Limits on Multi-Household Social Gatherings. This does NOT include social gatherings (eg. playdates).● Gathering with one individual who

<p>public and private spaces” as clarified by the VT DOH FAQs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visitors to Vermont can only socialize with the people they are traveling with. Note that, even if a traveler quarantines in their home state prior to arrival, you still must quarantine if you choose to gather with them as clarified by the VT DOH FAQs. ● Travel outside of Vermont for non-essential purposes as defined by Governor Scott’s Executive Order. <p>Examples of this include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Getting together with a friend, boyfriend, or girlfriend who you don’t live with ● Having your children join other households for playdates or recreational activities. ● Sharing a meal under one roof with people you don’t live with ● Hosting people in your home for the holidays, including relatives ● Carpooling to extracurricular activities 	<p>lives alone and who gathers only with your immediate household as defined by Governor Scott’s Executive Order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Engaging with a person from your immediate household who has had to travel for essential purposes as defined by Governor Scott’s Executive Order. ● Carpooling to school as clarified by the VT DOH FAQ: Guidance for Schools Related to Limits on Multi-Household Social Gatherings. <p>Examples of this include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attending regular daycare ● Gathering with one relative who lives alone and who gathers only with your family.
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I know we will get through this difficult time as we stick together. We have done so much to provide an education to the children of Barre. I, for one, will always remember your commitment to our students.

Sincerely,

David Wells
 Superintendent of Schools