



Dr. Meg Mayo-Brown, Superintendent of Schools

March 15, 2020

Dear BPS Community,

I am writing with another update regarding the impact of COVID-19 on our BPS community.

As I shared yesterday, a BCIS staff member was being tested for COVID-19. I am writing this evening to share that the impacted member has tested positive for COVID-19. Based on this formal diagnosis, medical experts are continuing to recommend that all staff and students at BCIS, and other impacted individuals, quarantine through March 20, 2020. Staff and students should watch for signs and symptoms such as fever, cough and shortness of breath. Please contact your primary care physician if you or your child experiences any of these symptoms. Also, please remember, during this difficult time, it is important to respect the privacy of the impacted staff member and their family.

Additionally, based on a recent declaration by Governor Baker, we are required to extend the school district closure until at least Tuesday, April 7, 2020. We are continuing to monitor the situation as it evolves. If we are required to extend the closure based on our local circumstances or statewide enforcement, we will update staff and families as soon as possible.

Finally, we cannot stress enough the importance of social distancing. Again, this means no playdates, get-togethers, parties, sleepovers, or families/friends visiting each other's houses and apartments. And, if you are sick, you should try to isolate yourself from the rest of your family within your residence as best as you can. If you have questions about whether you qualify or should get a coronavirus test, you can call your primary care team. Of course, in a medical emergency, call 911.

Sincerely,

Meg Mayo-Brown, Superintendent of Schools