

# The Weekly Comet Update

From Tom Meyer, Superintendent of the Bellevue Community School District

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## District-Wide COVID-19 Information - October 30

The Bellevue CSD has the following information to release in regard to COVID-19 in the Bellevue CSD as of 11.6.20 (and last week's numbers):

Building	Quarantine/Monitored Students
Elementary	38 (31)
MS/HS	12 (17)
District Total	50 (48)

Total Numbers of Positive Student Tests for COVID-19 for the school year:

Elementary	13
MS/HS	14
District Total	27

**Staff members** testing positive is 11 in both buildings combined for the district in the school year.

## Jackson County Positivity Rate for COVID-19

The positivity rate for Jackson County is 27.6% for COVID-19 this morning.

This is impacting all ages in our community, including school-aged children. Now is not the time to “take it easy” with our actions and procedures. We must follow guidelines based on recommendations from Governor Kim Reynolds, and many state and national health organizations. Please work to keep your students safe and healthy outside of school and practice appropriate social distancing, while the school continues to evaluate and improve our routines and procedures at the same time.

## Reminders on Face Coverings for Students and Staff:

Masks are the preferred manner for a face covering at school; Neck Gaiters can be worn, but they must consist of two layers to meet health guidance, as single layer gaiters are not acceptable.

## State Champion

While many of us have been consumed with COVID-19, elections, and many other issues in our lives, it is outstanding to recognize an accomplishment that is rare for any district or individual....A State Champion. Congratulation to Brady Griebel for being the 2020 State IA Cross Country State Champion. Additionally, Coach Jess and Coach Steines had a 5th place team finish (out of 15 teams) at the state meet. Congratulations to all of the male and female athletes from Bellevue who participated in the state meet.



### DO choose masks that

-  Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric
-  Completely cover your nose and mouth
-  Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps

### DO NOT choose masks that

-  Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl
-  Have exhalation valves or vents, which allow virus particles to escape
-  Are intended for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators or surgical masks

## Gaiters & Face Shields



**Wear a gaiter with two layers, or fold it to make two layers**



**Caution: Evaluation is ongoing but effectiveness is unknown at this time**

