

Dear BCN Team,

What a week! For those of you who have been part of the first wave of reopening- THANK YOU! You all did an awesome job and it was truly wonderful to see our buildings filled with students again. If you have not checked out our [Belmont Charter Network instagram](#) account (follow us while you are there for the latest updates in weather and more), please do so for some great snapshots from all the campuses.

For those of you who will be returning in a few weeks, the team has designed a really positive protocol. And while there are always kinks, they have been very minor which is a testament to the proactive work that has gone into planning for our reopening.

A very special THANK YOU goes out to our custodial, maintenance and OPs team members for making our schools safe places for students and staff to return.

**With that being said, 3-5 grades and 6-12 grades are still on target for their reopening dates.**

**Please read below for our important updates for the week:**

**Weekly Feedback Survey:** As we shared last week, want you all to know that if you see something that goes against our health and safety plan, **WE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT IT. To that end, we are asking staff in the building to complete this [very short survey today](#) (and weekly) to let us know how things are going.** We are in this together and two-way communication is essential to ensure a continued safe environment for all. You can also directly contact Theresa Doggett at 267-559-0367 or call me on my cell phone at 215-520-1973 if you have an immediate concern.

**Weekly Surveillance Testing Week 1 and Expansion to Students in March:** As you know, we are committed to doing all we can to keep staff and students healthy and safe. This week was our first week of the surveillance testing program for staff. The EPH team tested 28 staff across 5 schools and identified 0 positive cases. If you are interested in signing-up for weekly surveillance testing when you return to campus, please [fill out this form](#).

We are pleased to share that we are expanding our Weekly Surveillance Testing program to include students starting in March! **By testing staff and students weekly, we can find infections early, isolate them, prevent outbreaks and keep kids in school.**

**Vaccine Update:** As you saw last night, the School District of Philadelphia in collaboration with CHOP has provided an opportunity for charter schools to invite their staff members to schedule COVID vaccines with CHOP! This program will include charter school staff. Your information (if you did not opt out) was shared earlier this afternoon with CHOP. Look for an email from CHOP around the end of next week with an invitation to create a MyChop account, our understanding

is this will allow you to access the vaccine scheduler in their system. The county where you live does not matter-all are eligible since you are a teacher or staff member in Philadelphia County.

**Miss Jason Glass's voice on the robocalls?** Well, don't worry any more, you too can have the robocall experience! Please log into ParentSquare and update your phone number to receive text and robocalls with updates related to weather and more. The mystery voice actors and actresses will keep it short and sweet.

**In case you missed it last week- HR Policy: Quarantine and PTO**

As a reminder, if you have COVID-like symptoms (as defined by the symptom screening in Parent Square) and you are required to stay home, you will not be required to utilize your PTO time **as long as you obtain a COVID-19 test within 48 hours of developing symptoms.** [Click here](#) for more details on this process. Any questions, reach out to HR.

If you are planning for any Spring break travel, please keep in mind Pennsylvania is still requiring a negative COVID test to return OR 10 days of quarantine. Please remember the guidance will continue to evolve as we get closer to the end of March. Plan accordingly!

Don't forget to check the [FAQ](#) for more information, including the resources shared last week regarding the vaccine. We will continue sharing any new vaccine information.

Have a great week.