



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

Today marks the midpoint of the 2021-22 school year. While we continue to grapple with the impact of the pandemic, we are hopeful that we will see a fair amount of 'getting things back to normal' in the next month. Once again, I am grateful for the continued understanding, flexibility, and support as we navigate through COVID 19. The following update represents a few timely informational items for your awareness and understanding.

## COVID Update

School Plans and Data Revisions: The summation of the changes in the school's [COVID 19 Prevention Strategies](#) can be found on the school's website. The activities and related links have all been updated as required by the recent Public Health Order. The [BCCS Weekly COVID Data](#) document is and will continue to be updated each week. This week KCHD released the revised updates to K-12 school to include:

- [Public Health Order for Schools](#)
- [K-12 and Higher Ed Symptom and Testing Protocol](#)
- [K-12 and Higher Ed School Toolkit](#)

\*\*\*Please Note: KCHD docs are represented in the BCCS Prevention Strategies Doc\*\*\*

Test to Stay: Thanks to the numerous people who have helped obtain COVID tests, our school has an ample supply of tests. Parents are encouraged to request tests for their children as needed. Please contact Miss Lindquist ([tlindquist@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:tlindquist@byroncentercharter.org)) and/or the office ([office@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:office@byroncentercharter.org)) to request testing for your children.

YOUR HELP ...Please!

When students move to remote learning there are a couple frequent issues that deserve our attention:

Monitoring Student's Work Completion: When 6-12 students attend classes remotely, or K-5 teachers meet with students, assignments are given to the students. There are an inordinate number of students who are not completing & submitting or, in some cases, even attempting to complete the schoolwork. It goes without saying, yet this is problematic for the student and the teacher. Parents and guardians, PLEASE monitor and help your child complete the assigned school work when in remote learning.

Remote Learning Camera Protocols for 6-12 Students: As verification of attendance, 6-12 students are expected to have the cameras on during remote learning sessions. We understand there may be times where the camera is off, yet the time off camera should be brief and infrequent.

## General Informational Items

Blood Drive: We are told the local blood supply has a margin of approximately one day. Our school is planning to help support this serious issue in our community.

**Blood drive signup is now available!** We have several students and staff committed to giving blood on **February 9th between 1 and 5 p.m.** We would **love** to have as much parent/family participation as possible. **Please consider giving. To sign up, go to [https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/144447](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/144447)**

Appointment preferred; walk-ins welcome and COVID prevention strategies in effect.

2021-22 Annual Education Report: This past week the BOE approved the [BCCS 2021-22 Annual Education Report](#). All parents/guardians are encouraged to review the report as it provides the public information about our school's improvement plans and performance over the past two years. There are two other performance reports cited in the AER that are also good indicators of our school's academic performance:

- [School Grades](#)
- [School Index Report](#) (note: no school reports for past two years due to COVID)

Feel free to send questions to Mr. Kasmer ([mkasmer@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:mkasmer@byroncentercharter.org))

**Ski Club Cards – Discounts still available at Bittersweet Ski Resort for the season.** Purchase a club card for a **one-time fee of \$27** for students and adults to receive discounts on lift tickets and rentals, *plus two free lessons for students*. The club card gives you access to almost half price tickets during the allowed times. Available for those seven years and older. Friends and family are eligible too! Questions?? Contact Mrs. Cravino ([hcravino@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:hcravino@byroncentercharter.org)).

### Closing

Many schools have decided not to provide parents the option to have students Test and Mask to stay in school. They are simply having students removed from school and remain home in quarantine. We will continue these practices and encourage parents/guardians to take the necessary steps to keep their child "in school" as much as possible.

Additionally, as a public school we are asked to encourage all parents to have their children vaccinated. It is understood and respected that this is a personal choice; however, your consideration is appreciated.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend....it appears to have all the right attributes for folks to enjoy the outdoor fun and recreational activities offered during a winter in Michigan.

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