

September 2, 2021

Bath Education Community,

Over the past two weeks of school we have identified a number of COVID-19 positive students and staff. We have also had to quarantine a number of students due to contact with positive individuals (these can be found on our website under the COVID-19 tab). Due to these issues and the concern that there is the potential for spread within the school community, Bath Community Schools will be requiring all students, staff and authorized visitors to wear face masks, while in the Bath Community School buildings during the school day. This mask requirement will begin on Tuesday, September 7th and be for all students and staff district wide. The decision to require masks will be revisited at our next regular BOE meeting. The dates and times for all BOE meetings can be found at bathschools.net under the Board of Education tab on the left of the website.

We will continue to social distance to the extent possible, clean rooms and common areas as we have done since the start of the pandemic, quarantine when necessary and practice other mitigation measures. As we have stated previously, Bath Community Schools will continue to follow MHSAA guidelines when it comes to athletics. These can be found at mhsaa.com.

I understand that this is a potentially divisive and emotional issue for many of our community members. It is a decision that was not made in haste. Please direct any appropriate questions, concerns, or comments to my office. Your cooperation with our mask requirement is appreciated.

Respectfully,

Paul Hartsig
Bath Community Schools
Superintendent