

The staff at Belleisle Regional High School understand the stress and anxiety you might be feeling related to schools being open. We as a staff are not immune to these same feelings. Mrs. Jennifer Russell our Chief Medical Officer, Mr. Dominic Cardy our Education Minister and Premier Blaine Higgs has deemed our schools to be safe places for students to come and learn. Saying that, I have included a list of medical conditions that would exempt students from coming to school. This means that Assessment week will proceed as scheduled. We want to be very clear with our messaging that all families choosing to keep their students at home, their students are expected to complete their exams during assessment week. The only exception would be students who were instructed to self-isolate as per Public Health's direction.

High School students will have two hours to write their exam and more if additional time is required. Students are expected to stay in their exam space for a minimum of two hours. We are asking all High School students, leave the building after their exam. Some students may not be able to find a drive and we understand that reality. They will stay in the cafeteria. Some have French Orals and others may be staying for extra help, that is fine. Once they have finished all that extra stuff, they hopefully can leave the building. As per Public Health's directive Students are not permitted to leave with other students (carpool).

Middle School students are expected to attend school daily.

We are receiving requests that work be provided for families who are choosing to keep their student (s) at home. I understand that you are making this decision based on several reasons and I appreciate that. You are doing what you believe is best for your student (s). The teachers at Belleisle Regional High School are on a journey in relationship to working with TEAMS. Some are further ahead on the journey than others, but all teachers are working to the best of their ability. I wanted to share that students staying home can access their TEAMS site for their work. Teachers are not obligated to provide personal learning packages for students staying home because of family choices.

- Students and who are immunocompromised should contact their health care provider for direction.
- The IWK has defined immunocompromised as being a person who:
 - o is having chemotherapy currently or have within the last 6 months
 - o is having radiation therapy
 - o has received a bone marrow transplant in the last year or Graft Versus Host Disease
 - o is a recipient of a solid organ transplant
 - o has sickle cell disease
 - o has a spleen that does not work
 - o has a genetic cause for immune dysfunction
 - o has HIV/AIDS
 - o is taking immunosuppressive medication
 - o has other history of immune suppression, as defined by a Physician.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 485-3033 or e-mail me at micheal.chaisson@nbed.nb.ca

Thank you for your continued support and only with your support will BRHS continue to be the “Best school in the world, with the best kids in the world, being taught by the best staff in the world”.

Be safe

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