



# BELLEVILLE

## MENNONITE SCHOOL

### BMS COVID-19 Procedure Change Notice

Dear BMS Families,

In an effort to monitor temperatures of our students, staff, and others coming into our buildings throughout this trying season, we have been taking forehead reads on a daily basis since the start of school in the fall. Our shared protocol has been such that if anyone has a temperature between 100-100.4 or above, that individual would need to go home and follow quarantine and/or safe return requirements as outlined by the school, in accordance with state health guidelines.

To this date, we have had ZERO high temperatures upon entry connected to COVID-19. In the last few months, the more prevalent symptoms related to the virus are as follows (*that we will still be watching carefully for and ask that you do the same on the home front – with ongoing communication*):

Cold/flu-like symptoms  
Coughing/difficulty breathing  
Chronic headaches  
Loss of taste/smell  
Fatigue/nausea

In response to the recent widespread recognition of fevers no longer being considered a closely related symptom of COVID-19 and the CDC now recommending that regular school screenings of students be discontinued, **BMS will be suspending our daily student temperature checks until further notice** (may be different for athletic procedures). This will help the morning flow of students to return to more of a “normal” state, and it will free up greatly appreciated faculty members who have been diligently helping us with this from day one. We will still be asking faculty and staff to monitor their temperature.

Please see the following excerpt from the **CDC website** (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html>):

Based on the best available evidence at this time,

- **CDC does not currently recommend schools conduct symptom screening** for all students in grades K-12 on a routine (e.g., daily) basis.
- **Parents, caregivers, or guardians (“caregivers”)** should be strongly encouraged to monitor their children for symptoms of infectious illness every day through home-based symptom screening.
- **Students who are sick should not attend school in-person.**

We appreciate your ongoing cooperation and willingness to adjust/adapt with us for the good of all! Our daily attendance has been looking great across both buildings, and we aim to keep it that way.

Have a great weekend,

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