



Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District

BBHCSD Encourages Families to Consider Vaccine for Students Inclement Weather Decision-Making Information Below

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Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

With younger students now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, the district encourages you to contemplate the public health research and guidance that affirms its safety and efficacy. Such positive results emerging from the data prompts the BBHCSD to ask families to consider your children receiving the vaccine. Please consult with your primary care physician to see if doing so is the right fit for you and your child. The BBHCSD has also posted a [Youth Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions guide](#) on our website as well, for more information. As our entire school family continues this journey together through COVID-19, let's align with our Culture Playbook and truly be a life learner, making this an opportunity to be a teachable moment for everyone. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Decision-Making for Inclement Weather Days

In other news, cold temperatures and inclement weather are right around the corner, and in order to prepare, please read the following information below, regarding our school closure protocols. Please be advised that the district closely monitors the weather forecast for snow and extremely cold temperatures throughout the winter months. The district references www.weather.gov to help make its decision to close school. Information will first appear on my Twitter feed, which you can follow [@SuperBeeBBH](https://twitter.com/SuperBeeBBH). In addition, parents will receive a phone call with an update sharing our decision to call-off school. ***Please note, to ensure that all parents receive timely phone communications, the district will be conducting a test of its phone call system next Tuesday, November 16th at 6:30 p.m.* This will only be a **test**, so that we know that you are receiving our messages. If you do not receive this **test** call next Tuesday, November 16th, please contact your building administrator with your contact information and you will be added to our phone outreach list.

Updates about school closures due to inclement weather will then be posted on our website and all major local news stations. Whenever possible, the decision to close school will be made the previous evening, but may be announced as late as 6 a.m., depending on a variety of factors. Though there is not a specific temperature policy for the schools, we do use the [National Weather Service Wind Chill Chart](#) as a guide, based on their methodology found at the [National Weather Service](#). Road conditions are another important factor, since this impacts the ability of our buses to run on time. We will most likely have school if the temperatures remain in the lightest blue color on the chart and the buses are running on time. It is not uncommon for us to close when the wind chill is -15°F or colder for a sustained period-of-time. We make decisions considering staff and student safety as our top priority.

Keep in mind that when the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools are closed for weather, all evening activities in the elementary and middle school buildings are canceled. High school activities may take place depending on the weather throughout the day. In addition, Preschool and BeeKeepers are canceled and transportation to CVCC is not provided on "snow days." While I appreciate good-natured tweets from students begging me for a day off, they play absolutely no factor in my decision-making process. Also, Twitter posts

from local meteorologists making predictions about the chances of having a snow day are made to increase their social media traffic and have no credibility.

Let's together hope that these decisions will not have to be considered for at least a little while longer.

Thank you for your continued support of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools.

GO BEES!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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