



# Binghamton City School District

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## **BCSD Reopening Update – In person Instruction Delayed an Additional Week:**

As emphasized when the school district first delayed in-person instruction in August, positive test rates for COVID-19 would be monitored carefully for a period of two 14 day cycles once the faculty returned to the buildings. We were made aware by the Broome County Health Department that today, Broome County has reached its highest level of COVID-19 cases to date, with 50 new cases reported today, and [104 total active cases in the City of Binghamton](#). The district is working closely with the Broome County Executive's Office and the Broome County Health Department, who have stated that there is a surge of cases on the city's west side resulting in a 10% positive test rate. For this reason, ***the district will not resume in-person instruction on Monday, Oct. 5***. All students will continue remote learning throughout next week, and we will closely monitor this evolving situation, confirming with families a new re-opening date next Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Faculty and staff will continue to report to our buildings. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we strive to make the best possible decisions for the health and safety of our students, families, and staff.

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