



# Binghamton City School District

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## **Return to In-Person Instruction**

The Binghamton City School District looks forward to welcoming students back into our buildings on **Monday, Feb. 1**. The data from the past 7 days shows that the number of new daily cases has consistently trended downward. Furthermore, the proportion of positive cases of our students and employees, compared to surrounding districts, has also decreased.

The Health Department has not seen the spread of COVID-19 within school buildings due to preventative measures in place. The health department states that while the number of cases has been high in the community from post-holiday spread, officials believe the safest place for students to be is in school. It is important for us to continue screening processes and following New York State guidelines, including mask wearing and distancing.

The district is offering opportunities for COVID-19 testing ahead of our return to in-person instruction. We encourage both students and employees to get tested on Friday if they are presenting symptoms or have been exposed to the virus. Testing will take place at the East and West middle school field houses from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29. You may sign up to be tested on Friday [here](#). You may also schedule an appointment to be tested at Binghamton High School in the small gym this Thursday. To make an appointment, please contact Kariann Chapman via email at [chapmank@binghamtonschools.org](mailto:chapmank@binghamtonschools.org). In-school testing for those who have volunteered to participate will continue when our facilities reopen to students next week.

As a district that values the importance of social and emotional learning, we are aware that our students may have experienced loss or trauma due to COVID-19. Our faculty and staff are here to support your child. Please reach out to your child's teacher, the building social worker or principal if your child needs support.

Thank you for your care and concern for the health and safety of our school community.

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