

BNS COVID-Related Closing Policy

2021-2022

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A small ad hoc committee, established and empowered by the BNS Board and including Board members, Health Committee members, and teachers, and in close consultation with the New River Health District Department of Health (NR VDH) will make COVID-related school closing determinations as necessary. The committee will make decisions on a case-by-case basis and will communicate pertinent, non-identifying, information with the school community as soon as possible but at least within 24 hours of being notified.

Process:

- COVID contacts (Molly and T.J.) are made aware of COVID case(s) or potential exposure(s).
- COVID contacts convene the ad hoc committee via Zoom.
- Committee meets the same day to discuss the situation and next steps, review current community transmission rates and any other relevant data/information, and reach out to the local health department for guidance.
- Committee decides about classroom or school closure, depending on the specific situation and relying heavily on NR VDH recommendations for school action. At least the first day of any COVID closing will be treated like a snow day (meaning no formal class work).
- Committee communicates the decision and any other necessary information to the Corporation the same day.