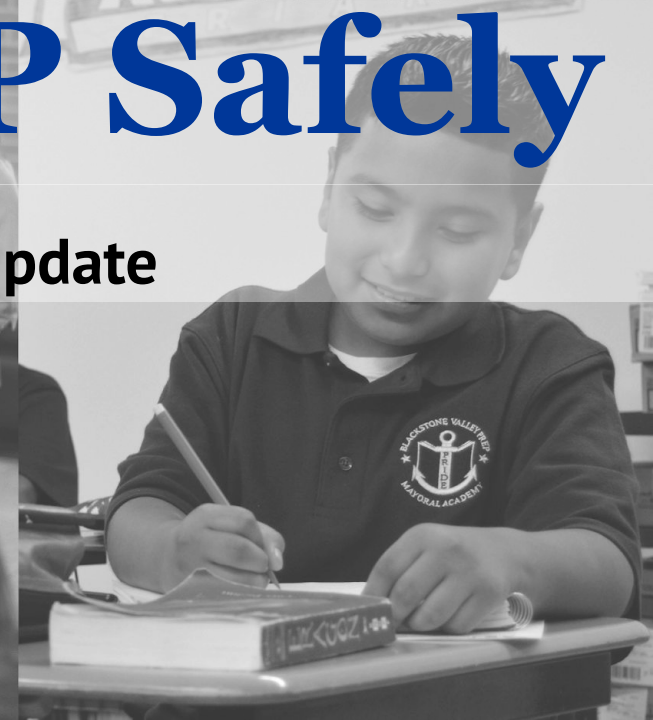




Reopening BVP Safely

November 20, 2020 Board Update



Introduction

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Our Mission

The mission of Blackstone Valley Prep is to prepare every scholar for success in college and the world beyond.

Our Values

BVP Values

Perseverance

Respect

Integrity

Discipline

Enthusiasm

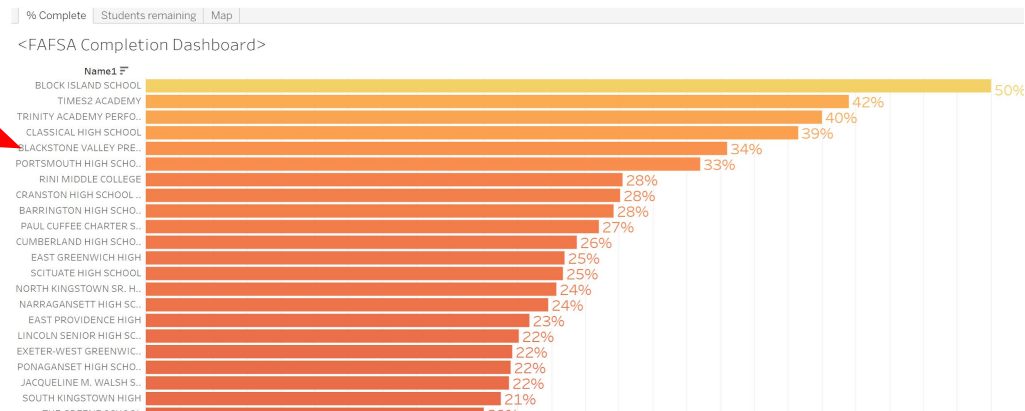
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RI Reopening Guiding Principles

- 1) Safety First,**
- 2) Transparency,**
- 3) Equity,**
- 4) Listening, and**
- 5) Decisiveness.**

Great things are happening

- Hired and on-boarded more than a dozen new staff members, including several new substitute teachers
- Academic progress is real (this is not lost time...it might not be ideal, but it is not lost)
- FAFSA tracking consistent with last year (among best in the state); Early Action/Early Decision applications ahead of year's past (guidance works!)



Social Work Fund!

***Nearly \$7,000 raised
for holiday supports!***

<https://blackstonevalleyprep.org/product/social-workers-fund/>



Reopening Data

A look at COVID-19 data and how that data may inform decisions



As of 11/19: R-naught is the “spread” of the disease

The aim is to be <1.0; RI is at 1.23 (10th highest in the US)

R_t COVID-19

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These are up-to-date values for R_t, a key measure of how fast the virus is growing. It's the average number of people who become infected by an infectious person. If R_t is above 1.0, the virus will spread quickly. When R_t is below 1.0, the virus will stop spreading. [Learn More](#)

[See details about the spread in Rhode Island](#)

Data Last Updated: 11/19 at 11:18AM

Latest

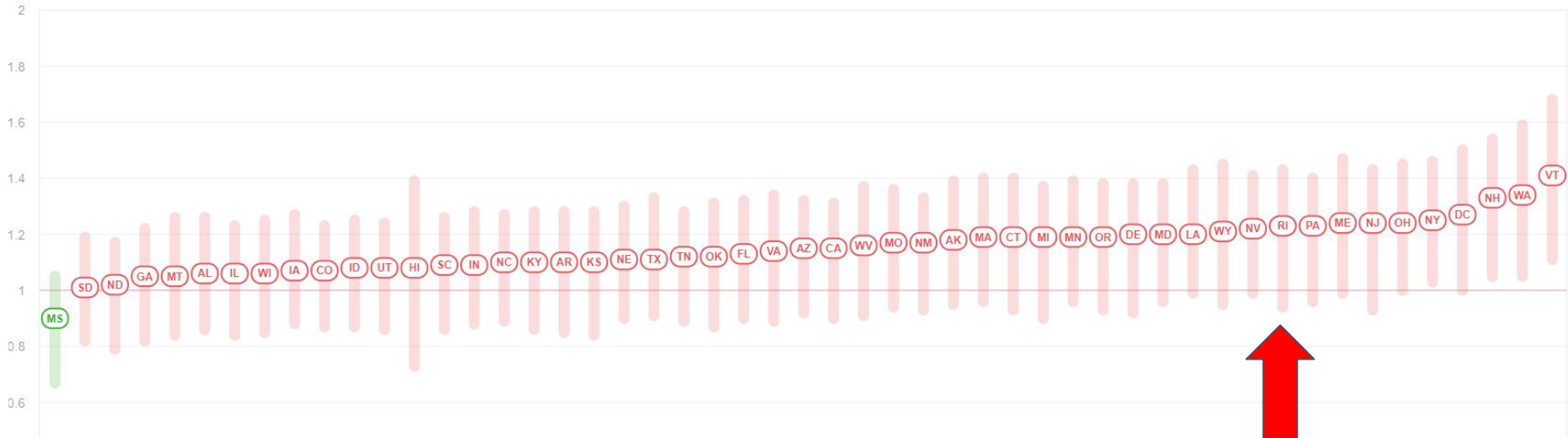
2 Weeks Ago

1 Month Ago

2 Months Ago

3 Months Ago

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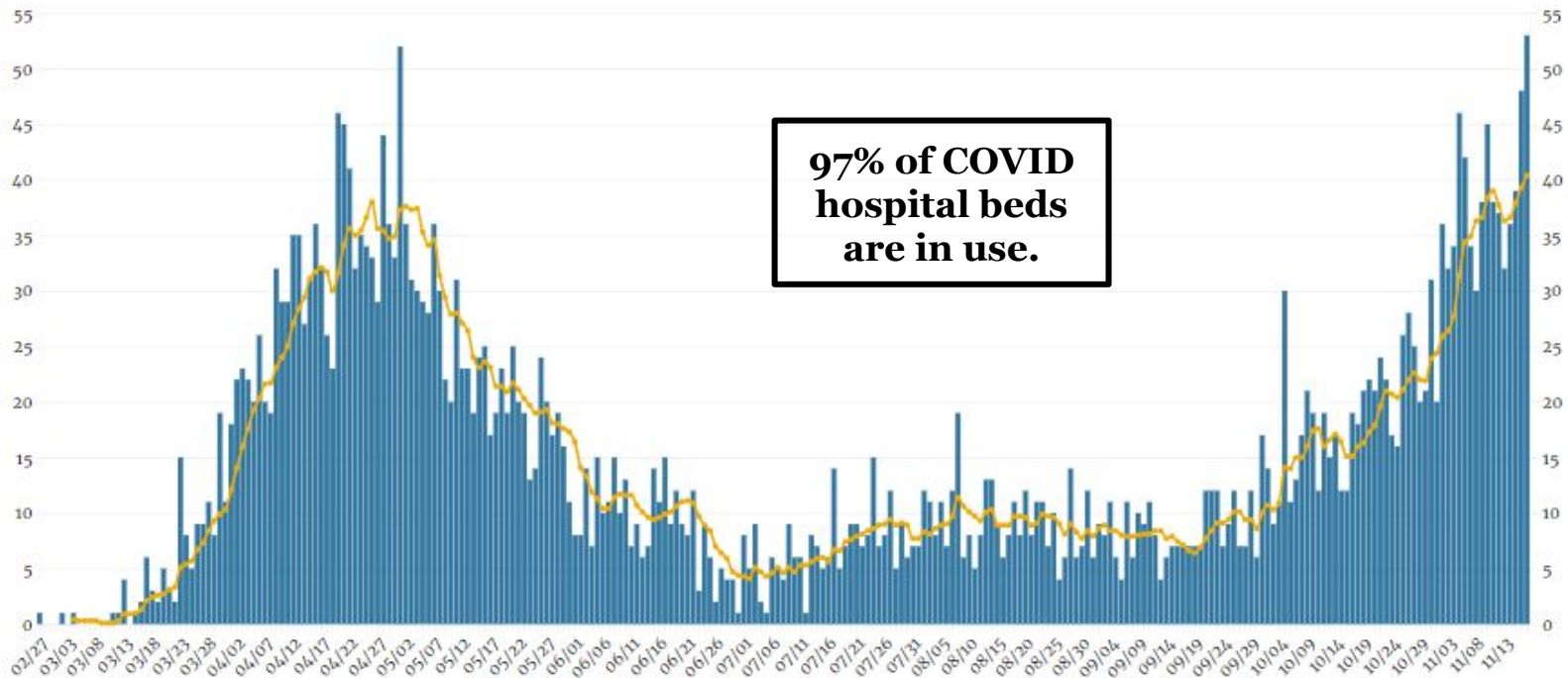


RI Record setting hospitalizations on 11/17

WPRI.COM 12

New Hospital Admissions in Rhode Island (RI data revised daily with a two-day lag)

7-Day Average New Admissions



Source: R.I. Department of Health · Digital graphic created by Target 12

A Flourish chart

Source: <https://www.wpri.com/covid-19-tracking-timeline-maps/> (retrieved 11/19/2020)

Reopening Data Considerations:

Municipal Data (as of 9/30, 10/14, and 11/19)

Cases/100,000

CF: 181 → 217 → 1,058

Cumb.: 38 → 84 → 352

Lincoln: 65 → 65 → 467

Pawt: 113 → 156 → 631

Percent Positive

CF: 6.8% → 7.6% → 21.7%

Cmbd: 1.2% → 2.4% → 8.3%

Lincoln: 2.1% → 1.8% → 10.6%

Pawt: 4.0% → 4.7% → 13.5%

Governor Raimondo recommends High Schools implement *Limited Plan*
















- Governor Raimondo, 11/19



Governor Raimondo calls for a two week pause

Rhode Island on PAUSE

11/30 – 12/13

OPEN	LIMITED	CLOSED
 <p>IN-PERSON PreK-8 SCHOOL</p>	 <p>IN-PERSON HIGH SCHOOL</p>	 <p>IN-PERSON COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES</p>
 <p>CHILD CARE</p>	 <p>SOCIAL GATHERINGS One household</p>	 <p>OFFICES (WHEN POSSIBLE)</p>
 <p>MANUFACTURING & CONSTRUCTION</p>	 <p>INDOOR DINING 33% capacity, early closures, one household per table</p>	 <p>BAR AREAS</p>
 <p>PERSONAL SERVICES</p>	 <p>RETAIL 1 person/100 sq. ft. (big box: 1 person/150 sq. ft.)</p>	 <p>RECREATIONAL VENUES</p>
 <p>HEALTH CARE</p>	 <p>HOUSES OF WORSHIP 25% capacity (max of 125)</p>	 <p>INDOOR SPORT FACILITIES, GYMS & GROUP FITNESS, ORGANIZED SPORTS (excludes NCAA & professional sports)</p>

11/19: CDC says schools are “high risk”; CDC Director says “schools should stay open”

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EDUCATION

In-person learning now considered 'high risk' by CDC

Change in guideline quietly made on agency website

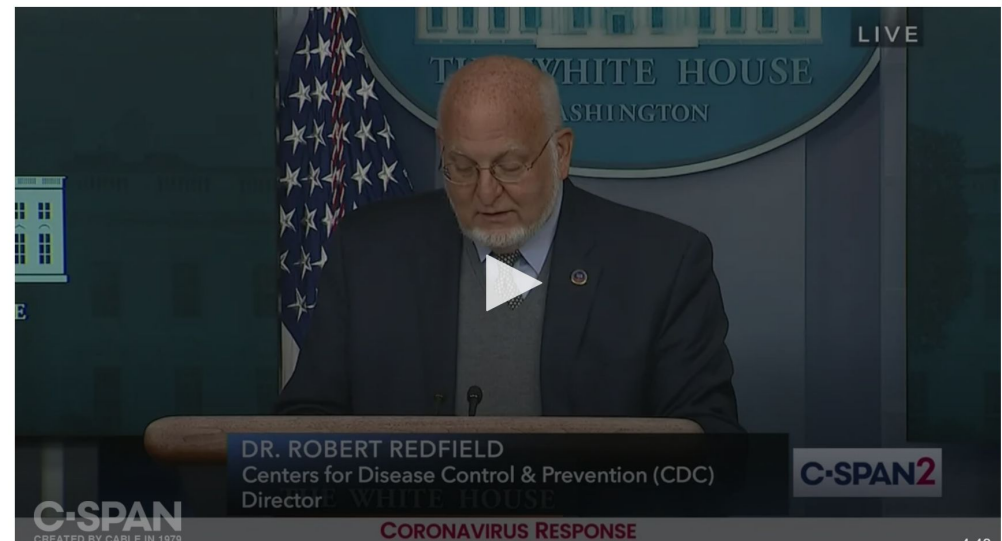
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Report Video Issue

CDC Director Redfield Says Data Supports Face-to-Face Learning in Schools

CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield tells reporters at the White House that schools do not need to be closed and says they are among the... [read more](#)



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BVP Experience



Original Reopening Plan (7/15)

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K-8	<p>Distance Learning for all.</p> <p>In-person pickup of technology and materials on a scheduled basis.</p>	<p>K-4 returns in person, in stable pods of 15 or fewer. (3rd grade to Fairlawn; 4th grade to Lonsdale); masks worn in hallways/bathrooms</p>	<p>Full return in stable pods of 30 or fewer; masks worn in hallways/bathrooms</p> <p>Limited bussing (lottery)</p>
9-12	<p>Scheduled Physical and Occupational Therapy may be provided in person, <i>if possible</i>.</p> <p>Individual/small group (<5) tutoring or advising sessions may happen (~ 1x week) for transition years & those most educationally vulnerable (e.g. K, 9th, 12th, Alternate Assessment, <i>if possible</i>)</p>	<p>Distance Learning for all others, w/ option for daily in-person for those most educationally vulnerable (e.g. Alt Assessment)</p> <p>In-person orientations & mentor/advisory/college & career check-ins may take place, especially for seniors. Masks.</p> <p>Limited bussing (lottery)</p>	<p>Block schedule; Hybrid schedule with 50% of scholars attending at a time (2x week in person; 3x week asynchronous), with option for daily in-person for those most educationally vulnerable (e.g. Alternate Assessment); masks worn</p> <p>Limited bussing (lottery)</p>
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Current Status

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‘Providence and Central Falls have been on *Partial* through the semester’

- Governor Raimondo, 10/14



- K-4 in person for those who want it (about 50%)
- 5-12th grade MVPs (about 3%)
- HS fall sports (girls and boys soccer and cross country)
- HS SAT testing
- Counseling and related services
- Technology Office Hours (~1,500 laptops provided)
- Food pickup (>30,000 meals)

Closures at BVP since school reopened

10/13	MVP program closed: positive case, 4 staff members directed to quarantine
10/14-10/16	ES3 closed: positive case, 6 of 14 on-site staff members had to quarantine
10/19-10/30	ES2 K Class closed: positive case, several scholars/staff had to quarantine
10/21-11/2	HS Boys Soccer Team directed to quarantine
10/23-10/30	Several members of the HS Cross-Country Team directed to quarantine
11/10-Present	ES2 3rd grade classroom quarantined (staff positive)
11/12-11/13	ES1 closed due to staff quarantine (staff positive; several quarantined)
11/13- end of season	HS Boys Soccer Team directed to quarantine (2nd time)
11/13-Present	ES1 TLC moved to A/B structure for staffing limitations
11/19-Present	ES2 K classroom quarantined (scholar positive;4 staff members impacted)

In addition to the above closures, we have had more than a fifty staff members out based on awaiting symptomatic test results or staying home with minor symptoms (as per the RIDOH Playbook)

Current Snapshot

COVID Concerns:

- At least 54 in-person scholars out due to quarantine
- 9 staff members out due to quarantine
- 4 in-person scholars are known positive
- 4+ awaiting results as probable cases

Substitute Partnership with Highlander:

- Requested and assigned ten substitute candidates
 - Two completed the Highlander training
 - One only willing to be remote
 - One willing to teach in-person; available 3 days per week

Broader Rhode Island context

- Governor announced state-wide implementation of a *Limited Plan* for High School
- Some school systems have opted not to open to in-person instruction yet this year
- Several schools are switching to distance learning through New Years

Discussion & Board Authorization



Path Forward?

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