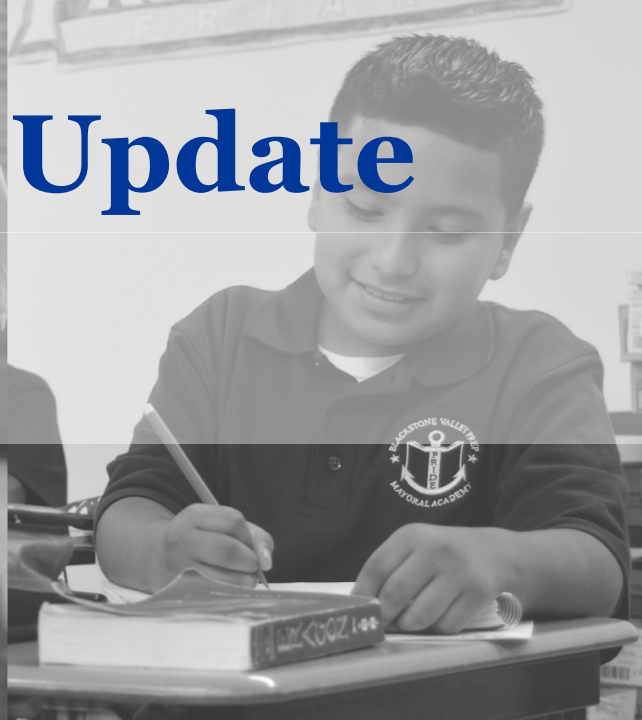
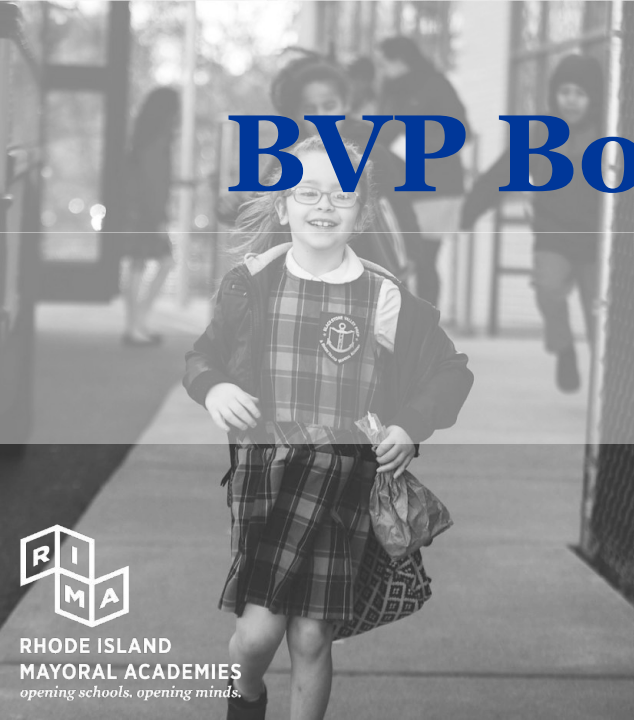




BVP Board COVID Update

October 18, 2021



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Our Mission

To prepare every scholar for success in college and the world beyond.



Current BVP COVID Policies

- Universal masking
- Strongly promote vaccination of all who are eligible
- Require weekly tests for unvaccinated staff and athletes
- Conduct on-site surveillance testing for scholars who have granted permission and all staff
- Enforce quarantine and isolation requirements
- Limit visitation to those who are vaccinated or can prove a recent negative COVID test
- Vaccination required for new hires



BVP Status Update

TODAY WE LEARN. TOMORROW WE LEAD.



BVP opening has been challenging, to say the least

- **Since 8/15, we have been deeply impacted by COVID-19:**
 - 58+ scholar cases
 - 14 staff cases
- These cases have resulted in **thirty-five (35)** partial or full classroom or bus closures (usually for about a week, but varies by case)
- In all, over 850 contacts by the BVP nursing team have been made regarding close contact status
- The number of missed days of school due to closures, quarantines, or a single minor symptom is in the thousands of days already this year



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SCHOOL UPDATES

13 students, 1 staff member at Barrington High School test positive for COVID-19



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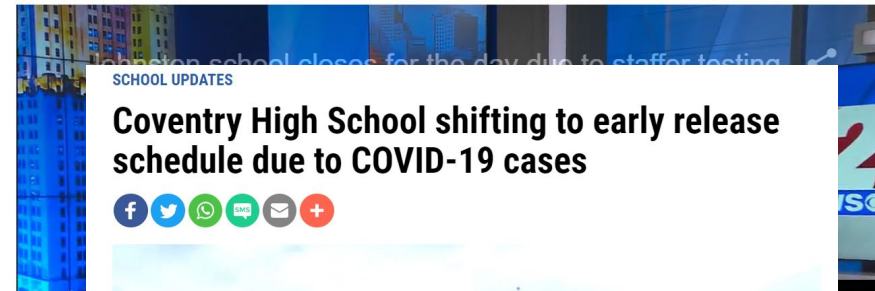


The high school football season officially kicked off last Monday and COVID has struck before a single game could be played.

More: [AT THE SCHOOLS: Time to ramp up high school coverage](#)

SCHOOL UPDATES

Johnston school closes for the day due to staffer testing positive for COVID-19



SCHOOL UPDATES

Coventry High School shifting to early release schedule due to COVID-19 cases



Good News: BVP cases have been manageable

- **Zero known hospitalizations among scholars and staff this year**
 - Some are fully asymptomatic
 - Most report mild symptoms, and
 - Some have reported intense symptoms

Vaccines help manage this crises

- 93% of staff is vaccinated
- 75% of HS scholars are vaccinated
- 63% of JHS scholars are vaccinated



Family Zoom Meeting 10/7

(recorded and published to all on 10/8)

- Chief concerns shared by the school nursing and administration team:
 - Families not communicating in a timely manner with regard to symptoms or positive tests
 - “Shooting the messenger” regarding quarantine
- Chief concerns shared by families:
 - What more can the school do to ensure child safety?
 - How can we avoid classroom and bus closures?
 - How can we better manage keeping children in school when “COVID-like symptoms” are more likely related to allergies?



CEO Policy Recommendation

- For indoor winter sports, implement weekly testing requirement of all athletes and coaches; require additional weekly testing for any athletes and coaches who are unvaccinated (additional testing is athlete or coach responsibility)

