



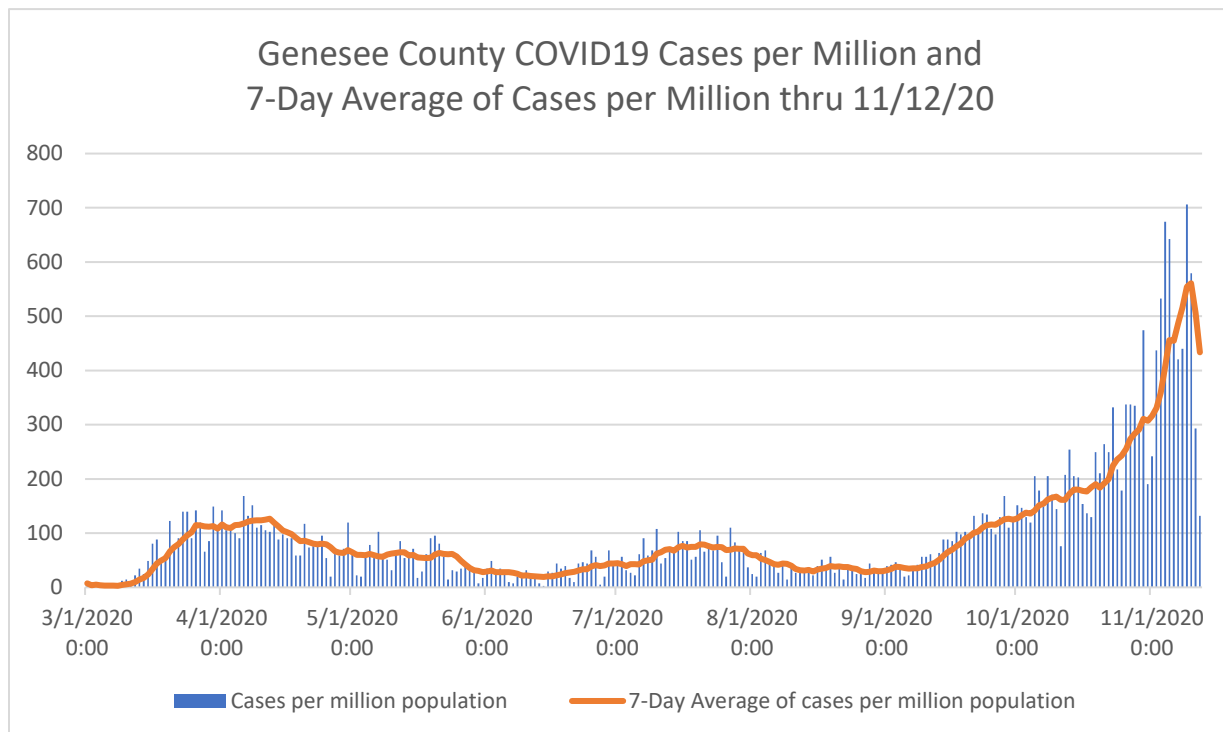
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Dear Bentley Families,

This evening at 6:00 p.m. the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued new gathering restrictions, which include schools and organized sports. This is due to the persistent spread of COVID19 across the state characterized by continuing high case levels with concern about health system capacity. Only critical infrastructure remains open. Why is this change being made now? Take a look at the data as of last Thursday, Nov. 12:



As you can see in this graph, the number of cases far exceeds the cases from March and April when the pandemic began. The health and safety of our students and staff must be prioritized over our preferred learning location.

Return to Virtual Learning

As you know, Barhitte is already in a virtual learning mode and this will continue. **Effective Monday morning, November 16, 2020, we are returning our 6th-12th graders to a virtual mode.** Having already spent most of the fall in a virtual format, our students and staff are well equipped to make this shift back to remote learning. While it is less than ideal, it is safer.

Meal Pick-up

Meals will be provided tomorrow, November 16, between 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for students attending hybrid classes and who come to the buildings on Mondays and Tuesdays. Students who come to the buildings on Wednesdays and Thursdays received their meals last Thursday. Then all people will be able to pick up meals between 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on:

- Wednesday, November 18
- Friday, November 20
- Wednesday, November 25
- Wednesday, December 2
- Friday, December 4

Athletics

Additionally, all athletics are suspended until further notice. We will share as new information becomes available.

Despite the numerous challenges, my hope is that all of you find something each day to celebrate. We will get through this!

Wishing you good health,



Dr. Kristy Spann