



Windham School District

School Administrative Unit 95

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As of today, NH DHHS has confirmed one (1) new positive COVID-19 case within our student population. The total active COVID-19 cases within our student body is three (3). Two (2) positive cases at Golden Brook School, and one (1) positive case at Windham Center School. The new positive case was not in school today. The students who have tested positive for COVID-19 and their close contacts will continue to adhere to the required isolation (for those who are sick) or quarantine (for those who were exposed) time.

I am aware that there has been a lot of discussions and questions on the specifics of who was impacted. We would like to remind our community and staff that discussing the details of these cases is a direct violation of HIPAA and the overall privacy of the family. Please continue to use the same discretion with others that you would expect and want for yourself. If you or your student were considered a close contact to an infectious person, you would receive a call from either the school or NH DHHS notifying you and what your course of action should be. If you have not been contacted, you or your student were not considered to be a close contact by NH DHHS.

The decision to quarantine certain students and staff is determined by NH DHHS in order to protect and maintain the overall health and well-being of our student and staff population. NH DHHS follows strict guidelines on when individuals should be preventatively quarantined and we will continue to follow their recommendations.

The district is also following a strict process for reporting and confirming cases to our community. The first step in the process is to safely remove the potential infected person from the building and contact NH DHHS. NH DHHS then begins working directly with the individual to confirm a positive test result. Once the test has been confirmed positive, the individual is directed by NH DHHS to remain on home-isolation for 10 days. NH DHHS begin the extensive process of contact tracing. We do not inform our community at large of incomplete information. As the investigation continues, the proper protocols and measures are implemented immediately to make sure that the potential of additional exposure is limited. Once we have communicated with NH DHHS, we notify our community. Once a student or staff member is cleared by NH DHHS of the completion of their isolation or quarantine time, they will receive a letter from NH DHHS releasing them to return to school or work. You must provide a copy of this documentation to the school nurse if you are a student, or Human Resources for staff members before returning.

For more information on COVID-19 in New Hampshire, please view additional information here:

<https://www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/schools.htm>. If you have any general questions about COVID-19, please call 2-1-1 for residents of NH or dial 1-866-444-4211.

We will continue to remain in contact with NH DHHS while they continue their thorough investigation and monitoring of the situation. We will keep our community informed as the situation evolves and we thank you for your patience and trust as we work to keep our community safe.

Thank you,

Richard Langlois
Superintendent of Schools