

# Regional School Unit 1

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Dear RSU 1 Staff and Families,

A Morse High School student has tested positive for COVID-19. Based on Maine CDC's investigation, and because of the amount of time that passed between the individual being at the school and becoming symptomatic, our staff and students are not considered "close contacts," and there is no need for contact tracing, quarantining, or school closure. Although we are not required to notify the school community of this matter by the CDC, we are choosing to notify staff and families out of an abundance of caution.

Upon learning of the confirmed positive test, we implemented our response protocol by involving our school nurse and communicating directly with our school physician, Dr. Amina Hanna, the Maine Department of Education, and the Maine CDC. In those communications, it was made clear to us that we should not close the school and we must avoid any measures that may allow others to identify the individual who tested positive. We must follow privacy laws and protect the confidentiality interests of every student and staff member, while also ensuring that we are protecting the health and well-being of all members of our school community.

Maine CDC assures us that no individuals at Morse High School are considered to be at risk for exposure at this time. We are committed to keeping our students and staff safe and appreciate the CDC's guidance in this area.

Questions for the school can be directed to the MHS nurse, Katrina Barter, by calling 207-443-8250 or emailing [kbarter@rsu1.org](mailto:kbarter@rsu1.org). For general COVID-19 questions, dial 211 (or 1-866-811-5695). You can also text your ZIP code to 898-211 or email [info@211maine.org](mailto:info@211maine.org). Call a health care provider for any questions you have about your symptoms. More information can be found at [www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus) or [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patrick M. Manuel'.

Patrick Manuel  
Superintendent of Schools

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