

Superintendent of Schools
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Dear Staff, Students, and Families,

12/19/2020

This letter is to inform you that an individual associated with the Center Drive School recently tested positive for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). Upon receiving the notification administration has been working with the school nurse and has initiated our response plan. As part of this plan we have communicated with both the Maine Center for Disease Control and the Maine Department of Education as well as follow the Maine CDC Standard Operating Procedure for investigation of COVID19 in PK-12 Schools.

Maine CDC or a school representative will contact you directly if you are identified as a close contact of someone who tested positive. Close contacts will be asked to quarantine for 10 days from last exposure to the positive individual. A negative test result does not get an individual out of quarantine. The school nurse or administration will have spoken with all close contacts by noon on Monday, 12/21/2020. Individuals identified as close contacts will receive information on next steps and quarantining. We are informing you out of an abundance of caution. Please monitor yourself/your student for signs and symptoms. Call a health care provider if symptoms start and stay home if you are sick.

Due to the number of people impacted, and out of an abundance of caution, all programming at the Center Drive School will be fully remote for Monday, December 21 and Tuesday, December 22. All planned extracurricular and cocurricular activities will be suspended until January 4, 2021.

The food service program will be operational and able to provide meals to any student. Please contact the food service program by calling 825-3364 before 9:00 am to arrange pick up.

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that ranges from mild to severe. It can be more severe in adults 60 years and older and in those with underlying conditions. The virus mainly spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes and an uninfected person breathes in the virus. Signs and symptoms include:

- fever or chills
- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- fatigue
- muscle or body aches
- headache
- new loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- congestion or runny nose
- nausea or vomiting
- diarrhea

Please keep in mind that many things can cause respiratory illness, so students and staff should be up-to-date on influenza and routine vaccinations.

Maine CDC recommends prevention measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These measures include proper handwashing with soap and warm water, which is especially important after using the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. When soap and water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands and avoid close contact with people who are sick. Cover your cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

In accordance with privacy guidelines, no additional information regarding the individual who tested positive can be shared. We will continue to monitor the situation and will notify you if there are any changes. Questions for the school can be directed to the main office by calling 825-3364. 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. Call a health care provider for questions about your symptoms. More information can be found at [Maine CDC Coronavirus Updates](#).

Sincerely,

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