

Regional School Unit 1

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Dear RSU 1 Staff and Families:

As we come to the end of this remote learning week for four of our schools, I wanted to share the following details with you. The Maine CDC has a method for determining an “outbreak status.” A school is given an outbreak status if three or more positive cases are identified within fourteen days of each other. The cases have to be from different households and individuals who test positive must have been in school within fourteen days of testing positive.

When outbreak status is assigned, schools are provided a case management investigator from the Maine CDC. The case management investigator reviews all of the cases that have happened to date within a school, paying particular attention to whether or not there are any connections between the cases. After an outbreak designation occurs, all new cases are independently reviewed to determine if there are any connections. Outbreak investigations are closed after a fourteen-day period without a new logged case.

As you are aware, Morse High School/Bath Tech and Fisher Mitchell have been given an “outbreak” designation. Outbreak status does not necessitate school closure. The school district has had an opportunity to have additional support and guidance from both the Maine DOE and the Maine CDC. The cases have been reviewed, steps have been taken to deep clean our schools, and guidelines were assessed. **Barring any new information that is received before Tuesday, both schools will return to in-person learning on Tuesday, January 19th. Woolwich Central School, which was closed due to COVID-related staffing issues and not outbreak status, will also reopen the same day.**

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Questions or concerns around COVID-19 can be directed to our school nurses. 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 www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Sincerely,

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