

Larry Malone  
Superintendent

Erica Mazzeo  
Director of Curriculum

## Regional School Unit 57

86 West Road, Waterboro, Maine 04087  
Tel. No. (207) 247-3221  
Fax. No. (207) 247-3477

Colin M. Walsh, CPA  
Director of Finance & Operations

Timothy O'Connor  
Director of Special Education

*RSU 57 prepares respectful, responsible and creative thinkers for success in the global community.*

March 14, 2021

Dear RSU 57 Staff, Students, and Families,

This notice is to inform you of two additional positive COVID19 cases impacting RSU 57 schools. An individual at Massabesic High School (MHS) and an individual at Massabesic Middle School (MMS) have tested positive for COVID19. As a result of the Maine CDC contact tracing process, RSU 57 has been informed that the **last close contact exposure was on Friday, March 12th**. Families and staff impacted have been notified and will initiate their quarantine today, per Maine CDC guidelines.

**Due to staffing concerns, all 9th and 10th grade students will be remote the week of March 15th through March 19th. All 11th and 12th grade in-person learners should attend as regularly scheduled, as well as all students in our Success Program, Day Treatment Program, and 10th grade exploratory vocational students.**

**All Team Kennebec 6th grade students will be remote through March 22nd.** Kennebec students and staff will return to in-person learning on Tuesday, March 23rd.

We are informing the community out of an abundance of caution. Please monitor yourself/your student for signs and symptoms. Call a health care provider if symptoms start. It is important that you call a healthcare facility before you show up in person. Stay home if you are sick.

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

Alfred - Limerick - Lyman - Newfield - Shapleigh - Waterboro

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 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 the last exposure to the positive individual. A negative test result does not get an individual out of quarantine.

Maine CDC recommends preventive 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.

Questions for the school can be directed to Massabesic High School Principal James Hand, Massabesic Middle School Principal Kelly Grantham, or Superintendent Larry Malone. 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 questions 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,

Larry Malone, Superintendent  
Kelly Grantham, Principal  
James Hand, Principal