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Dear RSU57 Staff, Students, and Families,

This letter is to inform you that RSU 57 was notified today that Waterboro Elementary School (WES) was designated an outbreak site for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as of March 25th, 2021. An outbreak means that there are three or more cases of COVID-19 within a 14-day period that are epidemiologically linked.

We have been advised by Maine CDC that this designation does not close school or affect in-person learning at WES. However, the CDC Outbreak investigator has advised us that it is very important that the community comply with COVID recommendations to help decrease the spread of COVID-19. We have been advised to relay to the community the importance of compliance to COVID recommendations and layering healthy habits.

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.

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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 WES Principal Angela Madigan 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. 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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Angela Madigan, Principal Waterboro Elementary School