

## **Regional School Unit 1**

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Dear RSU 1 Community,

This letter is to inform you that three more individuals associated with Morse High School/Bath Tech tested positive for COVID-19 since last Friday. At this point, we are still certain there is no in-school transmission as none of the cases are connected from in-school circumstances.

With vaccinations underway and the ability to be outside for various activities, we all hoped we were seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Unfortunately, case numbers are still high in Maine, with the highest number of new infections among young people. Please remember that **our ability to maintain in-person school, complete the spring sports season, and celebrate the class of 2021 with in-person graduation events relies on everyone taking appropriate COVID precautions, including wearing a mask, maintaining social distance, avoiding large group gatherings, and washing hands.** We all want to finish this year together, but we will need your support to do so. We thank all of you who are working hard to follow all protocols.

PLEASE make sure that if you do have the below symptoms, you do not come to school after break and you get a COVID-19 test, if necessary. Always stay home when you feel sick, even if you have only one symptom. Please check in with your school nurse with news of any symptoms or test results. Even though it is vacation, you can email or leave a message for the nurse. There is always an RSU 1 nurse on duty. COVID-19 signs and symptoms include: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

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

Sincerely,

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