

# Regional School Unit 1

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Dear RSU 1 Community,

This letter is to inform our community that the CDC has determined that the **Fisher Mitchell Elementary School** is on outbreak status.

As a reminder, an outbreak means that there are three or more cases of COVID-19 within a 14-day period. These cases are not epidemiologically linked. **The CDC has informed us that this uptick in cases is due to community spread outside of school. There is no evidence of spread within the school building; therefore, the school will remain open to in-person learning.** The Maine CDC will continue to serve as a monitoring resource. All new cases will be independently reviewed to determine if there are any connections. Outbreak investigations are preliminarily closed after a fourteen-day period without logging a new case.

**With active community transmission and three of our schools on outbreak status, it is as important as ever to monitor yourself/your student for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and continue all safety measures in and out of school.** Maine DOE or a school representative will contact you directly if you are identified as a close contact of someone who tested positive. For cases that have already occurred, close contacts have been 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 prevention measures to diminish 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. Also, remaining up-to-date on all vaccines, including those for influenza.

Questions for the school or concerns can be directed to Ricki Waltz at [rwaltz@rsu1.org](mailto:rwaltz@rsu1.org). 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 the [Maine CDC Resources Page](#) or at the [CDC COVID-19 Information Link](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Patrick M. Manuel'.

Patrick M. Manuel, Ed.D.  
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