

KATAHDIN SCHOOLS RSU #89

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Good evening Katahdin Families and Happy New Year! I'm calling with the weekly district announcements.

We are looking forward to getting back to school tomorrow and hope that everyone had a fun and relaxing winter break!

A reminder that KES students will be participating in our Welcome Back Winter Carnival outdoor learning activities tomorrow from 12:15 - 1:30. Please dress children in appropriate layered winter clothing.

The Maine DOE and CDC have updated the Standard Operating Procedures which Katahdin Schools will be adhering to immediately. The updates include:

- Reduced periods of isolation and quarantine for students and staff consistent with recently updated guidance from the U.S. CDC
- An updated definition of outbreak as related to school cases
- Close contact exposure will not be considered in an outdoor setting or on a school bus, where the Federal government requires masks be worn.

And

- For schools participating in pooled testing there has been an update to the "test to stay" program to enable more students to stay in the classroom.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation as we implement these new changes.

Remember we're in this together - as the school year continues it is important to complete the home health screening each day and not send sick children to school. A link to the home health check form will be in the email of this message. [Home Health Check Link](#)

Thank you for taking the time to listen to this message and enjoy your evening.

Marie Robinson
Superintendent of School