

Regional School Unit #2
Dresden – Farmingdale – Hallowell – Monmouth – Richmond
Tonya Arnold, Superintendent of Schools
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RE: Contact Tracing Situation at Dresden Elementary

Dear RSU community,

We received information today that the CDC is working on a contact tracing situation that involves one positive case at the school level at Dresden Elementary School.

At this moment, no other school is impacted by this situation.

CDC assures us that with mask wearing and the other safety precautions we have in place, secondary contact (meaning being less than 6 ft away from a person who was in close contact with a different person with a positive test) is not a risk that would require quarantine or testing.

Any staff member or student deemed to be a close contact will receive detailed information and directions related to isolation, testing, quarantine, and criteria needing to be met to return to school both from the school and the CDC. We understand that the CDC conducts daily check in calls with all identified close contacts and CDC determines when each can end quarantine and return to school.

We believe that students should be at school, if and when it is safe to do so. The building will be sanitized a second time today in preparation for tomorrow.

Out of an abundance of caution, all of Dresden Elementary school will be fully remote beginning tomorrow through 11/9/20. Another update will be provided next week if needed.

There is currently no impact on any other building within in the RSU.

These situations are stressful for everyone, but especially for those closest to the situation. Please be supportive, protect the privacy of others, and demonstrate the RSU Community compassion that makes us strong.

Be kind, be safe, and stay healthy.

Sincerely,



Tonya Arnold
Superintendent