

Kittery

School District

Truth & Knowledge

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January 10, 2021

Good Sunday afternoon...

I am attaching a letter here. I received word early this morning that an individual at Traip Academy has received a positive COVID 19 test. Furthermore, there are close contacts associated with Traip Academy. All close contacts have been notified.

I appreciate the family's open communication with Nurse Burke and Principal Drisko. We are working very hard to ensure that we can effectively staff Traip Academy during the quarantine period. At this point, Principal Drisko has indicated to me that Traip Academy can, in fact, be fully staffed tomorrow, Monday, January 11th. If that changes, I will let families know as soon as possible Monday morning if the school must change status (from yellow to red) for the day.

At this point, everyone in the Traip Academy community should plan to attend school on site on Monday, January 11th.

Questions? Today, please email Principal Drisko (jdrisko@kitteryschools.com), Mr. Roberge (mroberge@kitteryschools.com), or Mrs. Burke, RN (bburke@kitteryschools.com). You may certainly call the school tomorrow morning as early as 6:45 AM if you have further questions (207-439-1121).

Enjoy your day.

Sincerely,



Eric Waddell
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KITTERY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Staff, Students, and Families:

This letter is to inform you that an individual associated with Traip Academy recently tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). There is a possibility that other staff or students came in contact with this individual and therefore may be exposed to the virus. All close contacts have been notified. We are informing you out of an abundance of caution. Please monitor yourself/your student for signs and symptoms. Call a health care provider if symptoms start. It is important that you call a health care facility before you show up in person. Stay home if you are sick. Please call your student's school nurse if your student develops symptoms, tests positive, or anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19.

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
- fatigue
- sore throat
- nausea or vomiting
- cough
- headache
- diarrhea
- congestion or runny nose
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- muscle or body aches
- new loss of taste or smell

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 or a school representative will contact you directly if you are identified as a close contact of someone who tested positive. Close contacts will be asked to quarantine for 14 days from last exposure to the positive individual, or for 10 days with a negative PCR or TMA test no less than 5 days from the last exposure. A negative test result does not get an individual out of quarantine.

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. 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 Betsy Burke, RN at Traip Academy by calling 207-439-1121. 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.

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