

# Kittery

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Dear Kittery families...

I hope you found an opportunity to relax and enjoy the weekend. It was the last one of the summer (so sad!).

In an effort to keep you updated with accurate information related to Covid-19 and our school operations, I am sharing information with you which I received earlier this afternoon. Again, the information came to me from the Sanford School Department's Superintendent of Schools.

He reported to me that a student in the Electrical Wiring program at SRTC has tested positive for Covid-19. This case is **unrelated** to Friday's announcement about a Sanford High School teacher testing positive as well. I was notified because the afternoon Electrical Wiring program includes one student from Kittery who **does not** attend Traip Academy.

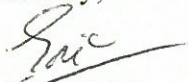
In accordance with Maine CDC requirements, the students and teacher in the afternoon Electrical Wiring program who were in close contact with the student must now quarantine for 14 days. This is the Dept. of Education/CDC standard operating procedure. School officials from both SRTC and Traip Academy have communicated with the Kittery student and his family regarding the quarantine requirement.

It is important to note that 'close contact' is not the same as testing positive for Covid-19. However, 'close contact' with a person who has Covid-19 does warrant immediate and careful attention to prevent the virus from spreading. We will continue to work closely with officials in the Sanford School Department as well as from the Maine CDC to ensure that we are following the standard operating procedure vigilantly.

I realize that communications like this from me are concerning and will likely elevate your anxiety around the re-opening of our schools. I do believe it is important for you to receive timely and accurate information, and I will continue to do so moving forward. On Friday, Governor Mills will reassess all Maine Counties as part of the ongoing *Health Advisory System*. York County is currently designated as a 'Yellow' county (elevated risk of Covid-19 spread); it is absolutely essential that our students, families, and employees follow **The Kittery Promise**. Mask-wearing, physical distancing, and daily self-checks must continue to be our priority.

Have a great week...warmer temperatures are on the way!

Sincerely,



Eric Waddell  
Superintendent of Schools