

Kittery

School District

Truth & Knowledge

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December 10, 2020

Good morning...

I was informed yesterday afternoon that an individual connected to Mitchell Primary School received a positive COVID 19 test. This individual was last on campus on Tuesday, November 24th (the last day of school before Thanksgiving). There are no close contacts.

I continue to express my deep appreciation to our families and staff for following **The Kittery Promise**. Specifically, the daily **Self Check**(attached) is helping to keep our students and staff safe. Thank you!

The attached letter is a required communication in accordance with the Maine CDC's Standard Operating Procedure for Investigating Positive COVID 19 Cases in Maine Schools.

If families have any questions about their health, I would encourage them to reach out to Mitchell Primary School Nurse, Shay Stathoplos, RN. Staff members may contact Lauren Lawson, HR Manager, for COVID 19-related issues.

Enjoy your day!

Sincerely,



Eric Waddell
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Staff, Students, and Families:

This letter is to inform you that an individual associated with Mitchell Primary School recently tested positive for COVID-19. The individual has not been on the Mitchell Primary School campus since November 24th. We have confirmed with the Maine CDC that there are no close contacts associated with Mitchell Primary School. 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. A negative PCR test result does not get an individual out of quarantine, but it may reduce the quarantine period to 10 days.

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 Shay Stathoplos, RN by calling 207-439-1707. 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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