

# Kittery

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Good afternoon Kittery!

What a gorgeous day! I hope you get the chance to take a walk or hike later today or this weekend. These mild fall days are a bonus, especially after the cold temperatures earlier this week.

First thing's first. Governor Mills announced today that York County's **Health Advisory System classification** will remain 'green' for the coming week. Frankly, I was a bit surprised to receive that news. I feel as though it may have been a 'close call.' So let's view our classification as more 'lime' than green and proceed accordingly. I'll update you again in a week. In the meantime, remember **The Kittery Promise** in all decisions you make.

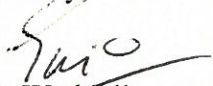
Here are some other important points for today's update:

- Governor Mills has revised Maine's list of **exempt states** from 6 to 3. They are **NH, VT, and MA**. Consider that when you are making your plans for Thanksgiving. The Waddells, for example, usually host 20+ friends/family for Thanksgiving--not this year. It will be just the six of us and my mom who lives just a few miles away and is the gold standard for avoiding the risk of exposure. We'll miss the excitement of a full house, but the bright side is that clean up will be a breeze!
- **Phase 2** of our Reopening Plan begins on Monday. As a result of some shifting student numbers (from remote to on-site), the route schedules might have changed a bit. If your family relies on **school bus transportation**, you will want to go through the **SafeStop** steps again including accessing your student's bus number from **Traversa 360**. If you need those directions again, you can find them easily on the District homepage. Effective Monday, our transportation provider has moved to a more updated version of Traversa 360. Any difficulties using the app should be resolved then. If you are experiencing trouble using SafeStop on Monday, please contact Nancy Embry [nembry@kitteryschools.com](mailto:nembry@kitteryschools.com)
- Our second **Community Conversation** is set for November 16th. I've attached the flyer here in case you'd like to join in. The registration instructions are included on the flyer, and they couldn't be easier. It would be great to see more of you at this 90-minute virtual event!

I was flipping through the SiriusXM channels yesterday and stumbled upon the Hallmark channel (it's 70 if you'd like to pre-set it!). Why does 'Let It Snow' sound just a little bit sweeter this year?

Enjoy the weekend...let me know if I can help with anything (except raking leaves).

Sincerely,

  
Eric Waddell  
Superintendent of School