

January 26, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians of RSU16 Students,

We have not had evidence of any in-school transmission of COVID-19 within RSU 16, and with everyone's help, we hope to keep it that way. We have discovered that some positive cases from households have not been reported to our school nurses. If anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, please notify your student's school nurse immediately. This includes our VL5 students and household members.

Students who live in the same household as a COVID-19 positive person are considered close contacts and need to quarantine for 14 days, starting after the COVID-19 positive person's isolation ends.

Students who test positive for COVID-19 will need to remain in isolation for at least 10 days, and may be released from isolation at that time if their symptoms are improving and they have been fever free for 24 hours without medication.

By notifying your student's school nurse as soon as you become aware that ANY household member has tested positive for COVID-19, this will allow the nurses to determine when the student may safely return to school and to notify any in-school close contacts that they will need to quarantine (if applicable).

DURING school hours, please call your student's school nurse:

MCS: 346-6471; Mary Wallace

ESS: 345-3381; Laurie Camire

PCS: 998-4915; Louise Robinson

PRHS & BWMS: 998-5400; Lisa Storer and Pam Tracy

AFTER school hours/weekends/holidays/vacation weeks:

Please call RSU16 Covid Nurse Tracer, Jessica Taylor at 740-0791.

Thank you in advance for helping our nurses continue to make our schools as safe as possible and keep our doors open. It is worth saying again, we have not had evidence of any in-school transmission of COVID-19 within RSU 16, and with everyone's help, we hope to keep it that way.

Sincerely,

Ken Healey and Amy Hediger