



# Colchester Public Schools

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Dear Faculty and Families,

**Over the winter break, we will send COVID-19 updates on Monday, December 28th and Sunday, January 3rd.**

I am writing to you today to inform you that the following members of CPS have tested positive for COVID-19 and are isolating:

- a student member of CES
- a student member of WJJMS

As soon as the District was made aware of these confirmed diagnoses, Colchester Public Schools (CPS) notified the Chatham Health District (CHD) to assess the risk of transmission. Based on the guidance provided by the CHD, the District has taken the following steps below to keep our community safe.

**1) Isolation:** The student members of our community who have tested positive for COVID-19 have followed medical recommendations to isolate. Please understand that more specific information will not be shared due to privacy concerns.

**2) Contact Tracing:** In all cases, the CPS staff and CHD have already reached out to those who came into contact with the individuals who tested positive and have asked them to self-isolate. As outlined in the CHD's [CSDE/DPH Adapt, Advance, Achieve Addendum 5 Operational Flow Chart](#), a class at CES will quarantine for 14 calendar days and instruction will be remote on December 23rd. In the WJJMS case the student was not in school for the 48 hours prior to onset of symptoms and had no additional school-based contacts; CHD will conduct community-based contact tracing.

**3) Continuity of Education:** No change to our current instructional model.

The District will continue to monitor this situation and will use sound decision making based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and CHD to maintain safety and continue instruction. Please feel free to contact us for specific questions or concerns.

Thank you, as always, for your support and partnership as we work to keep our students, staff, and community safe.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey E. Burt