



# ***Colchester Public Schools***

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Dear Colchester Families,

It has been wonderful to see some normalcy return to Colchester Public Schools in the form of proms, concerts, graduation and promotion ceremonies approaching, and other end-of-year celebrations.

### **Update from Chatham Public Health**

The percentage of eligible Colchester residents who have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine is approximately 60%. To learn how to schedule an appointment, visit: [COVID-19 Vaccination Scheduling Options](#). For complete CDC updates, visit [CDC Coronavirus Disease](#).

### **Update to Mask Policies in School Buildings**

Current mask policy is as follows, based on recent guidance from the Connecticut State Department of Education:

“Specific to outdoor settings, masks are not required, but we recommend continuing mask wearing for students and staff in situations where students and/or staff are outdoors and in close contact while stationary (e.g., sitting/standing together in a group). Where students are actively moving around during recess or physical education activities, masks can be removed. Masks should also be on when going out of the building to recess and back into the building afterward. Good hand hygiene should be emphasized before and after outdoor activities.”

Masks continue to be required for all staff and students inside school buildings for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Masks will be mandatory for any CPS summer programs until we receive further guidance from CT-DPH or CSDE. At this time, public health officials have not released mask recommendations for the fall. Once such recommendations have been announced, we will adjust our procedures accordingly.

### **Summer Boost Camp**

Parents/caregivers of qualified summer boost camp students will be notified via email on June 11th.

### **Summer Communications**

We will send communications over the summer as needed.

### **Upcoming Week: June 7-11**

### **CES/JJIS/WJJMS**

- Monday, Tuesday: full in-person learning
- Wednesday: shortened day for students

- Thursday, & Friday: full in-person learning

### **Bacon Academy**

- Monday, Tuesday: full in-person learning for Cohort 1
- Wednesday: remote, shortened day for students
- Thursday, & Friday: full in-person learning for Cohort 2

### **2020-2021 School Year Calendar**

[School Year 2020-2021 Calendar](#)

### **Have a question or concern?**

#### **EMAILS**

- Budget questions: [budget@colchesterct.org](mailto:budget@colchesterct.org)
- General questions: [covid19@colchesterct.org](mailto:covid19@colchesterct.org)
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- BOE questions: [boardquestions@colchesterct.org](mailto:boardquestions@colchesterct.org)

Frequently asked questions: [CPS Parent FAQ](#). For the most current update on COVID-19, please visit [ct.gov/coronavirus](http://ct.gov/coronavirus). Information on the impact of COVID-19 in our community can be found here: [CT COVID-19-Data-Tracker](#).

Best Regards,



Jeffrey Burt, Superintendent