Thursday, September 17, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Today we have received confirmation from DHHS of no additional cases in our WHS student body, bringing the total to twenty (20) cases identified to date. As students recover and receive official approval from NH DHHS of the end of their isolation period, they will be removed from the district’s reported active cases. Our total active COVID-19 case count within the WHS student body is currently three. DHHS is continuing their contact tracing efforts with all individuals who test positive, including new cases. Windham community members that are not WHS students or staff are suppressed in our reported school total.

I wanted to take the opportunity to clarify a few points. Since the initial contact with DHHS of the COVID-19 situation we are dealing with, I have released information daily to our community in order to keep everyone informed. If you miss any of the communications, they are accessible on the COVID-19 Resource Center: https://windhamsd.org/what_s_new/c_o_v_i_d-19_resource_center. I highly encourage you to review all of the information released in order to get the most accurate information from the district source.

- **Siblings/Close Contacts:** As a reminder, all students who have tested positive for COVID-19, their close contacts (including household contacts and sibling) will be contacted by DHHS and are to adhere to the required isolation (for those who are sick) or quarantine (for those who were exposed) time.
- **High School Starts Hybrid Model:** As of Friday, 9/11, and with the support of DHHS, we decided to keep all high school students in a full remote model at least through Monday, September 21st. Our team will be meeting with DHHS tomorrow (9/18) to discuss when these students can safely return to school. It is our goal to get these students back as soon as possible while maintaining their safety.
- **District Calendar:** We are aware that there are a lot of questions with the accuracy of the 2020-21 district calendar on our website. For families trying to pre-plan, any early release days currently shown will not change.

I understand that this is a trying time and the situation is constantly evolving however, I want you to know that the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community is always my foremost concern.

Thank you,

Richard Langlois
Superintendent of Schools