Monday, September 28, 2020

As of today, NH DHHS has confirmed one (1) new positive COVID-19 case within our school community. The total active COVID-19 cases within our school community is four (4). Two (2) positive cases at Golden Brook School, and two (2) positive cases at Windham Center School. The new case was an already identified close contact and developed symptoms and tested positive while in quarantine so there is no additional exposure to our school community. The individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and their close contacts will continue to adhere to the required isolation (for those who are sick) or quarantine (for those who were exposed) time.

All students, parents, and staff should continue to follow the district’s safety protocols [https://bit.ly/2ZASIlsd](https://bit.ly/2ZASIlsd) and conduct daily self-checks before leaving the house. If you are not feeling well, symptomatic, or are getting tested for COVID-19, please stay home and contact your medical physician for guidance. Please also notify your student’s school if your child will be remote for the day.

**Updated COVID Attendance Policy:** On September 9, 2020, the Windham School Board adopted adjustments to the attendance policy for the 2020-21 school year. Students (grades 3-12) are allowed to attend class virtually on their in-person day and still receive credit for the school day if your child is ill or showing minor symptoms (i.e. cough, running nose, temperature, etc.). This adjustment allows our community to follow the recommended health and safety protocols to monitor minor symptoms at home.

Monitoring your child’s symptoms (i.e. cough, running nose, temperature, etc.) at home is the main purpose for this adjustment in the policy. The school buildings have been monitoring all student's in-person attendance patterns. We understand that the hybrid model may be challenging to manage for some families. The option to keep your child in a full remote model is available for families that are struggling with the logistics of the current hybrid model. Please contact your child’s school directly for more information.

Parents will be asked to contact the absentee line and report that their students will be “remote” before the start of the school day. If the student does not appear on the remote platform for attendance, they will be marked absent. Students in grades K-2 will continue to follow the current attendance policy due to their full return model.

Thank you,

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Superintendent of Schools