

January 8, 2021

Dear Cole School and High School Families and Staff:

I am writing to inform you that three people in the Cole School and one person in the Middle School have tested positive for COVID-19. At the Cole School, two of the cases have not returned to school since winter break. The other Cole case does not have any school close contacts. At the Middle School, the positive case has not returned to school since winter break.

The Norwell Board of Health is aware of the positive cases. As a reminder, if a close contact is identified, parents of students who were in close contact with the community member will be notified privately by the Board of Health or the State Community Tracing Collaborative. All close contacts should be PCR tested but must self-quarantine for 14 days after the last exposure to the person who tested positive, regardless of the test result. Please speak to your school nurse to confirm when it is appropriate to return to school. We are also following all Department of Public Health protocols, including collaborating with our local board of health to complete contact tracing. Additionally, we are asking those parents whose students are tested for COVID-19 to please report the results to the school nurse. We are working hard to understand the impact of the virus on our school community and this information is a critical piece of that puzzle.

For more information on COVID-19 symptoms and testing, visit:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/about-covid-19-testing#where-can-get-a-test?->.

You can also find a map of testing sites at:

<https://memamaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=eba3f0395451430b9f631cb095febf13>. Please contact us immediately should you or someone in your home begin to show symptoms.

We are committed to continuous communication with and support of our families. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Principal Eliza Burns at 781-659-8823, or [eliza.burns@norwellschools.org](mailto:eliza.burns@norwellschools.org) or Principal Derek Sulc at 781-659-8814 or [derek.sulc@norwellschools.org](mailto:derek.sulc@norwellschools.org) or Board of Health Director Ben Margro at 781-659-8016, or [bmargro@townofnorwell.net](mailto:bmargro@townofnorwell.net). If there is additional transmission as a result of these cases or a separate case, we will send out another message immediately. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Matthew A. Keegan  
Superintendent of Schools