



January 11, 2021

Dear High School and Middle School Families and Staff:

I am writing to inform you that three people in the High School and three people in the Middle School have tested positive for COVID-19. At the High School, two of the cases have not returned to school since winter break. The other High School case has been processed for close contacts on the school side and individuals have been informed. At the Middle School, one case has not returned since winter break and the other two cases have been processed for close contacts on the school side and individuals have been informed.

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=eba3f0395451430b9f631cb095feb13>. 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 Marc Bender at 781-659-8810, or marc.bender@norwellschools.org or Principal Derek Sulc at 781-659-8814 or derek.sulc@norwellschools.org or Board of Health Director Ben Margro at 781-659-8016, or 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