



February 17, 2021

Dear Vinal School Families and Staff:

I am writing to inform you that three people at the Vinal School have tested positive for COVID-19. School related close contacts have been notified.

The quarantine protocols regarding COVID-19 are posted in the School Handbooks.

The nurses will confirm when it is appropriate for the student to return to school. We are working hard to understand the impact of the virus on our school community, and this information is a critical piece.

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. We are 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.

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?-](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 Nathan Thorsteinson at 781-659-8820 or nathan.thorsteinson@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