



April 5, 2021

Dear Cole School Families and Staff:

I am writing to inform you that one person at the Cole School has tested positive for COVID-19. There are no school related close contacts with this case. 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 a school nurse, 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=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 or Board of Health Director Ben Margro at 781-659-8016 or bmargro@townofnorwell.net. If there is additional transmission as a result of this case or a separate case, we will send out another message immediately. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Matthew A. Keegan, Superintendent of Schools