



April 26, 2021

Dear Vinal, High and Middle School Families and Staff:

I am writing to inform you that two people at the Vinal, two people at the High, and one person at the Middle School have tested positive for COVID-19. There are no school close contacts for any of the cases.

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 school nurses, 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=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 Nathan Thorsteinson at 781-659-8820 or [nathan.thorsteinson@norwellschools.org](mailto:nathan.thorsteinson@norwellschools.org) or Principal Derek Sulc at 781-659-8814 or [derek.sulc@norwellschools.org](mailto:derek.sulc@norwellschools.org) or Principal Marc Bender at 781-659-8810 or [marc.bender@norwellschools.org](mailto:marc.bender@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 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