



Windham School District

School Administrative Unit 95

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The self-reported COVID-19 active cases will be added back to my weekly reports. However, I want to remind you that these numbers are to be viewed as estimates only. These numbers are cases that were self-reported and will not represent any student or staff that did not test and/or report their case to the school nurse. We highly recommend all parents have their child tested for COVID-19 if symptomatic and report any positive case within their household so that we can get the most accurate representation of active cases within our schools.

ConvenientMD was able to walk through each of the schools this week to designate their location for the Safer at School Screening (SASS), a free test site for staff and students. We are hopeful to have our testing begin by early October which will greatly aid the schools in proper and timely reporting of new cases. Additional information and consent forms will be sent from ConvenientMD within the next few weeks.

As of today, September 17, 2021, our district has a total of seven (7) positive COVID-19 cases. There are three (3) positive cases at Golden Brook School, two (2) positive cases at Windham Center School, one (1) positive case at Windham Middle School, and one (1) positive case at Windham High School.

We were notified at the start of the school year of students within the district that are immunocompromised and need to be in masked classrooms. Our district has an obligation to create appropriate indoor learning environments that follow CDC and state guidelines for our immune-compromised students, as well as medical recommendations for specific students. In order for every student to safely participate in school and for the district to remain compliant, the district will be creating immunocompromised awareness classrooms. Effective **Tuesday, September 21st**, all staff and students in the designated classroom will be required to wear a mask for the remainder of the school year. These parents and students will be notified by Monday, September 20th. If you have not been notified by 4:00 pm on Monday, your student is not in one of the immunocompromised awareness classrooms.

On Tuesday, September 21st, the Windham School Board will vote on an adjusted indoor face mask matrix for the district to use as a guiding tool to determine when to implement masks. The decision to implement universal masks or continue with mask choice will be determined by the level of activity indicated in the indoor mask matrix as adopted by the school board. As you may know, on Wednesday, September 15th, NH DHHS recommended that everyone (staff and students) wear face masks indoors because of "substantial" community transmission currently statewide. The district is currently mask optional however, the matrix will give the district the flexibility to shift periodically between universal masking, targeted masks, and/or mask choice.



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The district will be working closely on an ongoing basis with the local FEMA organization, the district's public health consultant, while assessing the district mask matrix for indicators and guidance on making a decision when to take the appropriate preventative measures in dealing with COVID-19.

We are dependent on our school community to notify us of any active case within a household and to take the appropriate actions to keep your student home if they are showing any symptoms. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Thank you,

Richard Langlois
Superintendent of Schools