



# Windham School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As of today, September 24, 2021, our district has a total of twenty-two (22) positive COVID-19 cases, an increase of fifteen (15) cases since last Friday. There are fourteen (14) positive cases at Golden Brook School, five (5) positive cases at Windham Center School, one (1) positive case at Windham Middle School, and two (2) positive cases at Windham High School. Today, Golden Brook School was identified as outbreak status by NH DHHS which will require all students and staff to be in universal masking for a minimum of ten days. Windham Center School, Windham Middle School, and Windham High School currently remain in mask choice.

**Due to Golden Brook's recent outbreak status, no visitors will be allowed during the school day while the school remains in this status. This is an additional mitigation measure in order to prevent additional spread. As part of our existing safety protocols, I wanted to remind you to make sure that you are self-assessing your child before they arrive at school to make sure that they are arriving to school well and without symptoms. We are currently reviewing all our mitigation tactics to determine if further procedures need to be implemented.**

On Tuesday, September 21st, the Windham School Board voted on an adjusted Indoor Face Mask Matrix for the district to use as a guiding tool. The matrix will give the district the flexibility to shift periodically between universal masking, targeted masks, and/or mask choice. 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: <https://bit.ly/3lPHydp>.

The board also approved a Reopening Plan Addendum during Tuesday's meeting which outlines additional information and updated procedures for students who are sick in order to maintain healthy classrooms, healthy buildings, and healthy schedules. Please take a moment to review this addendum as there are some changes from the beginning of the year: <https://bit.ly/3m0ARFz>. One of the major adjustments we would like to point out is the updated sick/illness procedure for this year:

- Individuals shall **not** attend school if:
  - there are any new or unexplained symptoms consistent with COVID-19; this includes even mild symptoms. Please report this to the school nurse,
  - there is an unvaccinated individual sharing a household (temporarily or permanently) with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the prior 10 days, or



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- an international or cruise ship travel-related risk exists (unless the individual is fully vaccinated or within 90-days of a prior infection).
- Nurses will evaluate students who report to their offices with COVID-19 symptoms or other health-related concerns and will determine if dismissal from school is warranted.
- Students will be allowed to return to school if:
  - a negative COVID test is provided (PCR, Rapid, Home tests) or a 10-day exclusion period has been completed.
  - a doctor's note indicating an alternative diagnosis is provided, symptoms have improved, and the student is fever-free for 24 hours without medication.

We are pleased to announce that ConvenientMD has finalized our schedule for the Safer at School Screening (SASS)! The screenings will start Friday, October 1st for Golden Brook School and Windham Middle School. On Friday, October 15th, Windham Center School and Windham High School testing will be offered. The schedule will continue to rotate throughout the rest of the school year alternating every two weeks. This is a free, optional service for all staff and students.

If you are interested in having your child participate in the first screening, please make sure to complete the consent to test form from ConvenientMD: <https://form.jotform.com/211383972683161> as soon as possible. You are able to submit a consent to test form at any point in the school year but please allow a 1-2-day processing window in order for ConvenientMD to capture your student's information before the next test date. You will only need to complete one consent form for the year. ConvenientMD will continue to add your child to each screening list throughout the year. If you do consent to the test, you are able to opt-out of this screening at any time. If you do not want your child to participate, no action is required.

Our goal remains to keep all students in school to receive in-person instruction. This cannot and will not happen without the support and partnership of our school community and adhering to the mitigation tactics with intent and purpose. Please continue to keep the schools updated if there are any active cases within your household, keep your child home if they are experiencing **any symptoms**, and mask up when needed.

Thank you,

Richard Langlois  
**Superintendent of Schools**