



Windham School District

School Administrative Unit 95

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As of today, October 8, 2021, our district has a total of seventeen (17) positive COVID-19 cases. There are six (6) positive cases at Golden Brook School, two (2) positive cases at Windham Center School, five (5) positive cases at Windham Middle School, and four (4) positive cases at Windham High School.

We are happy to announce that Windham School District is one of the first districts in the area to receive approval for our nursing staff to perform rapid COVID-19 testing for symptomatic students and staff in schools. We have ordered 240 tests and each school will receive a supply. This will greatly reduce the amount of time a student would have to be out of school waiting on the availability and results of a test from either their primary doctor and/or urgent care facility. Parent consent will be required prior to testing.

On Friday, October 15th, students and staff that registered with Windham Center School and Windham High School will receive their first Safer at School Screening (SASS) for COVID-19. This is a free, optional service provided to all staff and students and a recommended mitigation tactic by NH DHHS and the CDC. If you are interested in participating in the 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 and you will only need to complete one consent form for 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 to participate, no action is required.

Effective Tuesday, October 12, the mask mandate will be lifted at Golden Brook School based on the elimination of any cluster and/or outbreak within the school. We will continue to follow the mask matrix guidelines when determining the level of mitigation needed throughout the school year. Students and staff will return to mask choice with the exception of the immunocompromised awareness classrooms. We want to thank our staff, students, and parents for their partnership in this sudden adjustment. We did see a reduced number of positive COVID-19 cases being reported after the mask mandate was put in place. It was encouraging to see



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these mitigation tactics help curb and prevent any further infection within the school. Some of the additional mitigation measures set in place during the outbreak status (i.e. random temperature checks, classroom desks set into rows, no bus passes) will remain in place until further notice.

In order to reduce the time some Golden Brook students are on the bus, Windham Academy students will be picked up from their school separately and loaded onto the buses at Golden Brook. This will eliminate the additional commute time to Windham Academy for some of the current bus routes.

During the Tuesday, October 5th public school board meeting, we presented the draft District Improvement Plan (DIP): <https://bit.ly/3Fr1D2w>. These are the district's standards, objectives, and action steps that would be implemented within the 2021-2024 timeframe. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email dipfeedback@windhamsd.org by Friday, October 29th.

We are encouraged to see our community partner with us toward the common goal of maintaining in-person learning and defeating the spread of COVID-19. Together, we accomplished this objective and we are happy to announce that the safety and mitigation tactics set in place have made this a reality as all schools return to mask choice effective Tuesday, October 12th. Thank you to our parents for your continued support and for acknowledging the integrity of what we do. Enjoy your long weekend, be safe and be well.

Thank you,

Richard Langlois
Superintendent of Schools