



WOODBIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Confirmed COVID-19 Case in Beecher Road School

Dear BRS Parents and Community Members:

On Monday, November 9, the Woodbridge School District was notified that a member of our school community tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). The affected person has been instructed to remain home in self-isolation for 10 days and has been provided with additional instructions to follow prior to returning to school. Family members have also been instructed to self-quarantine and get tested.

The last day this person was in the Beecher Road School was Friday, November 6, 2020. **Anyone who is considered a “close contact” with this person has been contacted or will be contacted by school or local health officials and provided with instructions on the appropriate steps to take. If you are not contacted by the school nurse OR the local health department, then you / your student is NOT considered a close contact.** A close contact is defined by the CDC as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person – masked or unmasked – for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic clients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

The Covid-19 virus spreads primarily through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. As with controlling the spread of other viruses, we urge everyone to discuss the following preventive measures with your children and family members:

- Wash your hands frequently, but especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for about 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash your fingertips. When soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze inside the elbow of your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.
- Wear a face covering (mask) whenever there is a likelihood that you or your family members will be in the presence of others.
- Maintain social distancing (at least 6 feet) between yourself and others when outside of your home.

Below is the list of COVID-19 symptoms for which everyone should monitor in their family members:

- Fever (100.4° Fahrenheit or higher)
- Chills or shaking chills
- Uncontrolled new cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell

For additional information on COVID-19 symptoms, please see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

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Everyone is reminded that staff and students exhibiting any of the above symptoms, or feeling ill, should call their medical provider to report their symptoms and ask about testing prior to seeking in-person care at a clinic, physician's office, or hospital.

For more information on what to do if you or a family member has possible symptoms, a diagnosis, or exposure to COVID-19, please see *Addendum-5-Interim-Guidance-for-Responding-to-COVID-19-Scenarios-in-CT-School-Districts*:
<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/COVID-19/Resources-for-Families-and-Educators/Addendums-and-FAQs>

We are closely monitoring this situation and are working with the Quinnipiack Valley Health District (QVHD). Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Christine Syriac

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