

Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - December 11, 2020

A Message From the Superintendent

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Dear Scarborough Public Schools Families and Community,

We are writing to inform you that Scarborough Public Schools will be implementing our fully remote learning plans for students for Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 14 and Dec 15. Teachers will be connecting with students remotely for these instructional days using the remote learning plans that have been previously developed. You should expect to receive more specific information from your child's school, in addition to this communication. [This link](#) provides a general overview of the district's Fully Remote Preparedness Plans, which were recently shared with our School Board at the Dec. 3 meeting.

As the spread of COVID-19 has increased across the state, there have also been respective increases in our school community. There have been 4 unrelated cases at 4 different schools this week including Wentworth School, Scarborough High School, Scarborough Middle School, and Pleasant Hill School. Collectively, these cases have impacted the ability to have adequate staffing to provide both in-person instruction and transportation. We anticipate that there will be a return of enough staff by mid-week to allow in-person instruction to resume. An update to the school community will be provided on Tuesday afternoon.

Respectfully,

Sanford Prince IV
Superintendent

Diane Nadeau
Assistant Superintendent

Fully Remote Preparedness Plans

Linked [here](#), you will find an overview to Scarborough Public Schools Fully Remote Preparedness Plan, which was shared with the School Board at their December 3, 2020 meeting. Although our goal is to maintain in person learning to the greatest extent possible, there needs to be adequate staffing to facilitate in person learning.



Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[SPS Calendar](#)

- **December 17** - School Board Workshop (6:00pm)
- **December 17** - School Board Meeting (7:00pm)
- **December 23 - January 1** - Winter Break

Parent FAQ for COVID-19 Updated

As new information continues to evolve regarding COVID-19, it is extremely important that we share with you the most up-to-date materials that we receive. **PLEASE take a moment and carefully review this [Parent FAQ](#) that has been updated as of today, with information from the district and also from the state Department of Education.** All updates in the FAQ are in blue type. Just this afternoon, the Maine CDC amended the quarantine requirement to 10 days, down from 14 days.



If you have additional health-related questions or concerns, please reach out to your school nurse:

- **Blue Point:** Laurie Hibbard, RN - 730-5300
- **Eight Corners:** Rebecca Cummings, RN - 730-5200
- **Pleasant Hill:** Dorice Groshon, RN - 730-5286
- **Wentworth:** Cindy Fasulo, LPN and Anne Ornstein, RN - 730-4600
- **Middle School:** Patty Bolduc, RN and Amanda Eason, RN - 730-4800
- **High School:** Heidi Igneri, RN and Lisa Verzoni, RN - 730-5000
- **K-12 Health Support Staff:** Suzanne Kenney - 730-4842

SPS District Email Newsletter Signup

Share the news! Please let any community members, who do not currently have students enrolled in a Scarborough School, know that they too can stay in touch with the latest happenings in the schools and the district. By simply going to the SPS website and selecting the "District Communications" tab on the left, they can enter their name and email address and we will send along our weekly news to them. *If you have a student(s) in the district and you are already receiving our newsletter - no need to sign up (if you do, you will receive duplicate newsletters from us).*

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This page of our website will be used to keep staff, students and families up-to-date on all district communications. All of the weekly District Newsletters will be archived here for easy access. We will also post any other important communications on this page.

Recent SPS District Newsletters

- [October 16, 2020 SPS Newsletter](#) 0k - Oct 16, 2020, 3:19 PM by Kelly Johnston (v1)
This edition contains some great news regarding student meals for the 2020-2021 school year as well as some important updates on upcoming iReady testing for students.
 - [October 8, 2020 SPS Newsletter](#) 0k - Oct 9, 2020, 11:07 AM by Kelly Johnston (v1)
This edition reminds of us the difference between "isolation" and "quarantine" - very important information.
 - [Critical Update - October 4, 2020](#) 0k - Oct 5, 2020, 7:44 AM by Kelly Johnston (v1)
Case of COVID-19 detected at Scarborough Middle School.
 - [October 2, 2020 SPS Newsletter](#) 0k - Oct 2, 2020, 3:53 PM by Kelly Johnston (v1)
Some very important information in the "Curriculum Updates" in this edition - including an invitation to participate in a webinar addressing anxiety: on November 4 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm a live webinar event titled, "NOW What? Helping Children (and Parents)."
 - [September 11, 2020 SPS Newsletter](#) 0k - Sep 29, 2020, 12:09 PM by Kelly Johnston (v1)
Highlights of this newsletter include - information for ordering FREE student breakfasts and lunches, the required and daily Student Health Self Assessment questions and updated materials on Face Covering Requirements.
- Showing 5 files from page [Archived SPS Newsletters](#).

SPS District Email Newsletter Signup

To receive the weekly SPS District Newsletter, please sign up using the form below. Note: If you have a student in the Scarborough Public School system and are already receiving the weekly district newsletter, you do not need to sign up using the form below.

Signup Form

Name

Email Address *




Health & Safety


Please make sure you review [the UPDATED Student Health Self Assessment](#) questions EVERY DAY before sending your child off to school. Updated guidance from the state has REMOVED a few less common symptoms from the list, including stomach pain, rash, swelling, and red eyes.


TOGETHER, we can make our schools as safe as possible!


COVID-19

Pre-Screening Tool for School Attendance

Within the past 24 hours have you had a fever (100.4 and above*) or used any fever reducing medicine? YES = 

Do you feel sick with any of the most common symptoms of Covid, had vomiting/diarrhea, or felt unwell? YES = 
(see symptom list to the right)

Have you been a close contact of a person with Covid in the past 14 days? YES = 

Have you traveled outside of the state in the past 14 days? YES = 
Contact Your School

Most Common Symptoms of Covid 19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever (100.4°F/ 38 °C or greater)*
- Chills
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell


Less Common Symptoms:

- Muscle pain
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Congestion/runny nose

*Fever is 100.4°F/ 38°C regardless of measurement location (oral, temporal).

Stay home with any YES response to the questions above OR with two or more of the "less common" symptoms listed to the right.

Affend school when all answers are NO and your child is feeling well with no other symptoms of illness. Call or see your school nurse or other designated person at school if you have questions.

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Links to Our Schools



Blue Point



Eight Corners



Pleasant Hill



Wentworth School



Middle School



High School

Services & Information

[Spec. Services](#) | Alison Marchese, amarchese@scarboroughschools.org

[Transportation](#) | Sarah Redmond, sredmond@scarboroughschools.org

[Food Services](#) | Peter Esposito, pesposito@scarboroughschools.org

[Athletics & Activities](#) | Mike LeGage, mlegage@scarboroughschools.org

[Curriculum](#) | Monique Culbertson, mculbertson@scarboroughschools.org

[Community Services](#) | Todd Souza, tsouza@scarboroughmaine.org





Tech Support


For technology assistance with SPS student laptops, please send a message to techsupport@scarboroughschools.org and someone from Technology will be in touch to assist you.



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