

# Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - March 11, 2022

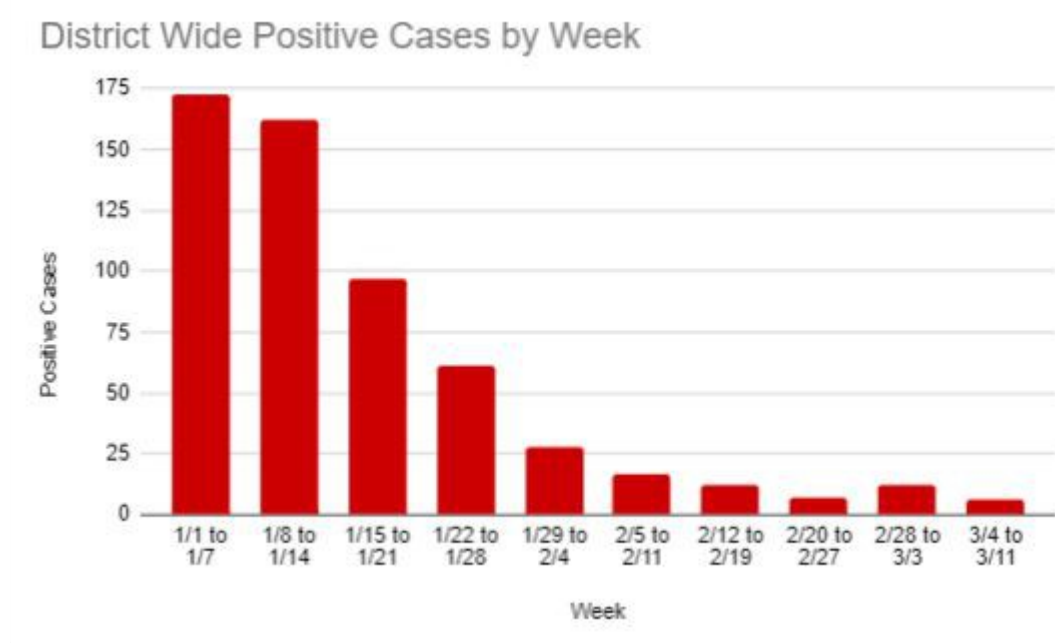


As you are aware, Scarborough Public Schools went mask optional on Wednesday. Having visited schools, it has been amazing to see the mutual respect being demonstrated among our students and staff for individual choice and support for those who choose to continue to wear masks, as well as those who have decided not to mask at this time. As a reminder, we have a supply of KN95 or equivalent well-fitting masks on hand for any staff member or student who requests one in all of our schools.

A few critical reminders:

- Please continue to self assess each day before sending your child to school and keep your child home if they have COVID-like symptoms
- Anyone who tests positive is required to quarantine for 5 days from the date of symptom onset or from the date of the positive test
- If their symptoms have subsided after 5 days of quarantine, they may return to school with masking required for an additional five (5) days (days 6-10)
- Anyone who presents with COVID-like symptoms at the nurse's office and is being dismissed will be asked to mask while waiting for pickup.

Maintaining a healthy school environment will allow us to continue to make positive progress. Thank you for all you do to care for one another.



The [Scarborough Public Schools Website](#) has added updated information on COVID-19 Positive Cases. We will continue to update information on the website each week, so please visit the link above for the most recent information by school.

## Junior Achievement Of Maine- Volunteers Needed for Eight Corners

Scarborough Public Schools has benefitted from an amazing partnership with Junior Achievement of Maine for over 30 years!!! We are looking for some amazing volunteers to help with Junior Achievement programming for programs that are being offered at Eight Corners School in May, as well as in other nearby communities this spring. Training and curriculum are provided for you. To learn more about their programming and how to get involved, please visit [Junior Achievement of Maine](#) today and sign up!





## Resources for Parents

- [Gratitude is More Than Just Saying Thank You](#)
- [How Parents Can Support their Transgender Teens](#)
- [Parenting, Media and Everything in Between](#)



## Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

### [2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

- **March 14** - FY23 Budget Session 1 - Wentworth Learning Commons - 4:30PM - 7:00PM
- **March 15** - FY23 Budget Session 2 - Town Hall - Council Chambers - 8:30AM - 11:00AM
- **March 17** - School Board Meeting
- **March 18** - Staff Development Day - No school for students

## Become a Substitute!

The Maine Department of Education and Educate Maine have partnered together to promote more individuals to become substitutes by offering **full reimbursement for the fees** associated with fingerprinting and background checks as an incentive. Please consider this opportunity if you have time to support our students in this way.

## A Call to Action: Our Schools Need YOU!



Maine Department of Education and Educate Maine are partnering to call on Maine businesses, leaders and citizens to become guest school staff members. It's time to lean in!

Maine's schools have been safely open for business, ensuring that students have access whenever possible to high quality, in-person learning.

The statewide surge of COVID-19 has increased school staffing shortages, and many schools have had to make emergency and disruptive pivots to remote learning, simply because they do not have enough adults to ensure that schools can operate safely and effectively.

### WE NEED YOU to be a guest school staff member.

**What is a Guest school staff member?** Guest school staff members are substitute staff who are supporting or filling in for bus drivers, playground monitors, food service workers, teachers and support staff. Most are daylong positions, some are hourly, but even one day of substituting can make the difference, keeping a school open for students!

### How?

**It's a simple process.** Go to this [website](https://www.maine.gov/doe/substitute), and follow the 9 steps for choosing where you would like to help, applying, and receiving the required training and background clearance for working in a school. Check it out: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/substitute>

### What does it cost?

**Nothing but a little time.** It will take about one hour to fill out and submit the needed applications, and a \$15 application fee and \$55 fingerprinting fee will be charged, but this **WILL BE REIMBURSED!!** Getting fingerprinted will take a bit more time, but you can schedule an appointment that is convenient for you.

### Why?

**You can make a difference.** You will be a hero, supporting your schools and ensuring that public education is available for all of Maine's children. You can work with the school district(s) of your choice, may be able to choose when and where you can help, and you will be inspired by the energy and miracles that fill our schools.

We will be using social media platforms to recognize our heroes and the organizations who are supporting Maine schools. Please join us- and be recognized as among those who are making a difference.



## Links to Our Schools



Blue Point



Eight Corners



Pleasant Hill



Wentworth School



Middle School



High School

## Health & Safety

Please make sure you review the UPDATED Student Health Self Assessment questions for 2021-22 below EVERY DAY before sending your child off to school.

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





### Pre-Screening Tool for School Attendance

Within the past 24 hours have you had a fever* or taken fever reducing medicine?	YES =	<b>Most Common Symptoms of COVID-19:</b>  Cough Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing Fever * Chills Sore throat New loss of taste or smell  <b>Less Common Symptoms:</b>  Muscle pain Nausea or Vomiting Stomach pain Diarrhea Fatigue Headache Rash Swelling or redness of hands/feet Red eyes/eye drainage Congestion/runny nose  <small>*Fever is 100.4°F/38°C regardless of measurement location (oral, temporal)</small>
Do you feel sick, had Vomiting/diarrhea, fever*, sore throat, new cough, or felt unwell?	YES =	
Have you been told to stay home and isolate/quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure?	YES =	

Stay home with any **YES** response to the questions above.

Symptoms of illness can have many causes. Please keep your student home and contact your school nurse or primary care provider if your student is unwell. Students who present with symptoms while in school will be dismissed to home at the discretion of the nurse.

\*A fever is 100.4°F/38°C or greater.



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## Tech Support

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



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