



June 13, 2022

Dear GSA families:

At the end of last week, Maine schools received a communication from the Maine Department of Education saying that after June of this year, there will no longer be any special protocols for Covid-19 in schools. We will follow the guidelines for any communicable disease.

While it takes but two sentences to tell you this, it feels quite momentous, given how Covid-19 has dominated our lives here on campus for the past 28 months. It was March 13, 2020 that we first went remote, following recommendations from the Maine DOE and the Maine CDC.

I want to thank all of you, and all our students, for the cooperation you have given us as we navigated the difficult challenges brought on by the pandemic. While not everyone agreed with every decision we made, we did not have any of the disrespect and unpleasantness that occurred in many parts of the county, and even in other parts of Maine. I am very grateful for that. I have been most proud of our school community throughout these two difficult years.

While the pandemic may be behind us in terms of our daily procedures, we will feel its effects for a while, especially in young people's mental health. I hope that the summer provides respite and rejuvenation for all of us, so we begin the new school year with vitality and optimism, as is our norm. We will be working hard over the summer to be sure we are ready to hit the ground running to support our students come September.

Thank you for trusting your children with us.

All the best,

Tim Seeley

Head of School