October 29, 2021

Dear Parents and Staff,

The Bolton Public Schools has been notified that one member of our school community tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) this week. The affected individual has been instructed to remain home in self-isolation for 10 days. All students and/or staff who have been identified as a "close contact" have been notified by a member of the Eastern Highlands Health District and/or school district and requested to quarantine if necessary. The CDC currently recommends fully vaccinated people get tested 5-7 days after close contact with a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

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 visit <u>CDC COVID Symptoms and Testing</u>. Staff and students exhibiting any of the above symptoms, or feeling ill, should remain home and 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. The complete list of testing sites across the state can be found at <u>https://www.211ct.org/covidtesting</u>. Please note that users can filter to show locations that offer pediatric testing as well.

Again, I want to thank you for your continued partnership as we face these challenging times together.

Stay safe and be well,

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