BOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

January 3, 2022

Dear Parents and Staff,

The Bolton Public Schools has been notified that thirty-six members of our school community tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) from December 26, 2021 through January 2, 2022. Please be advised that for the near future moving forward I will be communicating cases on a daily basis as I outlined in my communication last night. The affected individuals have been instructed to isolate at home for at least 5 days, or longer if symptoms develop and persist. A mask should continue to be worn for an additional 5 days at all times when around others. Please note that the day following the positive test for COVID-19 is day one (1).

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

- Fever (100.4° Fahrenheit or higher) when taken by mouth
- Chills, muscle pain, body aches
- Shortness of breath
- Cough (or new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing for students with chronic allergies/asthma)
- Diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- New onset of severe headache, especially with fever
- 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 https://www.211ct.org/covidtesting. Please note that users can filter to show locations that offer pediatric testing as well.

Stay safe and be well,

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