

BOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

September 17, 2021

Dear Families and Staff,

I hope this communication finds you safe and well. Below please find some important updates.

Important Child Nutrition Meal Distribution

As a reminder, the United States Department of Agriculture has approved the free breakfast and lunch for all children 18 years and younger and older than 19 with a disability. Children do not have to be a resident or attend school in the town. This federally mandated benefit allows the child nutrition program to provide **two meals** (one breakfast and one lunch) a day when school gives educational instruction for ALL children through June 30th.

In response to the current public health crisis, the USDA has extended emergency waivers ensuring ALL children have access to USDA-approved meals. Every child is eligible for one breakfast and one lunch per school day – whether or not they are attending school. Each bundle will include breakfast and lunch for any student who cannot access meals in schools, any other child age 18 or under who is NOT attending school in person, and any child older than 19 with a disability. Children do not have to be a resident or attend school in the town.

Beginning Monday, 9/20, meal bundle availability will resume, and at this time, we are requesting that you sign up as we are experiencing supply chain issues and staffing constraints. If your student is quarantining, or you have other children who are not of school-age or currently attending school and are interested in accessing meals on the days that school is operating, please submit a request using the provided link ~ <https://forms.gle/NDx3orrW2pkRY6kg6>.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated as we continue to navigate pandemic-related issues and interruptions in our provided services. As always, if you have any questions, please contact Heather Plourde at hplourde@eastconn.org or 860-455-1552.

Bolton Vaccination Clinic

The Town of Bolton will be hosting a COVID-19 vaccine clinic at Bentley Memorial Library on Tuesday, October 19th from 12:00 – 5:00 PM. The clinic will offer Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, first or second dose, as well as boosters for those eligible at the time of the clinic. Please see the attached flyer for further information ~ [Town of Bolton Vaccine Clinic10-19-21.jpg](#).

COVID-19 Testing at State Supported Testing Sites

Please be advised that persons being tested for COVID-19 at State Supported Testing Sites will be asked for their insurance information, but there will be no out-of-pocket expenses. Additionally, if their insurance does not pay, the individual will not be billed. Note: If individuals do not have

insurance, they will be tested and not billed at any of these State Supported Testing Sites. An updated list of testing sites is attached ~ [State Supported Testing Sites as of 09-10-2021.pdf](#).

As always, I appreciate your partnership as we navigate the complexities of operating schools during a pandemic. I hope you enjoy your weekend.

Stay safe and be well,

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