



# Colchester Public Schools

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## Vaccine Update

The rate of vaccination in Colchester is currently close to 38% for first doses. We all play a role in protecting in-person learning for the remainder of the year. Please review CSDE/DPH guidance to see how we can all do our part: [FinishStrong](#). The Department of Public Health vaccine update is here: [DPH vaccine update](#).

## Quarantine Update

According to the CDC and the CT-DPH, fully vaccinated staff members are not required to quarantine if they are deemed a close contact. This change in protocol will prevent many of the interruptions to instruction that have occurred over the past eight months. However, we are working as an administrative team to determine the appropriate instructional model if a cohort, or part of a cohort, is required to quarantine. Any changes to a model will be determined on a case by case basis, and may result in only a few students quarantining, or an entire cohort quarantining to allow for remote instruction for all.

At this time we do not have updated guidance on students who may be fully vaccinated and are a close contact.

## Travel Update\*\*\*

Connecticut residents and travelers to Connecticut should follow travel-related guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH). Mandates and requirements are not currently in place in Connecticut.

Please see the current travel advisory for Connecticut: [Travel Advisory for Connecticut During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). New CDC information: [Fully vaccinated people can travel at low risk to themselves, new CDC guidance says](#). Colchester Public Schools, as always, will adhere to the guidelines issued by the State. Highlights of the new guidance include:

- If you are traveling, get tested with a viral test 1-3 days before your trip. Make sure you have the results of your negative test before you travel. Keep a copy of your results with you during travel; you might be asked for them.
- Do not travel if you test positive. Immediately isolate yourself, and follow public health recommendations.
- Get tested again with a viral test 3-5 days after your trip and stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel, even if your test is negative. If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.

For the full set of the latest travel guidelines from the CDC, visit here: [Travel During COVID-19](#).

\*\*\*Please do not report to school after the April vacation if you have been in contact with a COVID+ case or are experiencing COVID-like symptoms. While we can recommend and suggest people follow the travel measures, these measures are not required. We cannot exclude students if they're not followed.

### **William J. Johnston Middle School**

WJJMS will return to fully in-person learning on Monday, April 19th.

### **Bacon Academy to Remain in Hybrid Model**

Please see Principal Peel's video here: [Bacon Academy's Finishing the Year 2021 Presentation](#)

### **Spring Sports Update**

Please see the CT Department of Public Health's press release on Spring sports: [2021 DPH Spring Sports Guidance](#)

### **2021-2022 Education Budget Process**

On April 6th, the Superintendent presented a revised 2021-2022 budget to the Board of Finance at the Budget Public Hearing. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is on May 11th. All meetings are open to the public and can be accessed here: [BoardDocs public access](#).

### **2020-2021 School Year Calendar**

[School Year 2020-2021 Calendar](#)

### **Upcoming Week: April 12-16 NO SCHOOL - APRIL RECESS**

### **Have a question or concern?**

- **EMAILS**
  - Budget questions: [budget@colchesterct.org](mailto:budget@colchesterct.org)
  - General questions: [covid19@colchesterct.org](mailto:covid19@colchesterct.org)
  - Tech questions: [techhelp@colchesterct.org](mailto:techhelp@colchesterct.org)
  - BOE questions: [boardquestions@colchesterct.org](mailto:boardquestions@colchesterct.org)

Frequently asked questions: [CPS Parent FAQ](#). For the most current update on COVID-19, please visit [ct.gov/coronavirus](http://ct.gov/coronavirus). Information on the impact of COVID-19 in our community can be found here: [CT COVID-19-Data-Tracker](#).

Best Regards,



Jeffrey Burt, Superintendent