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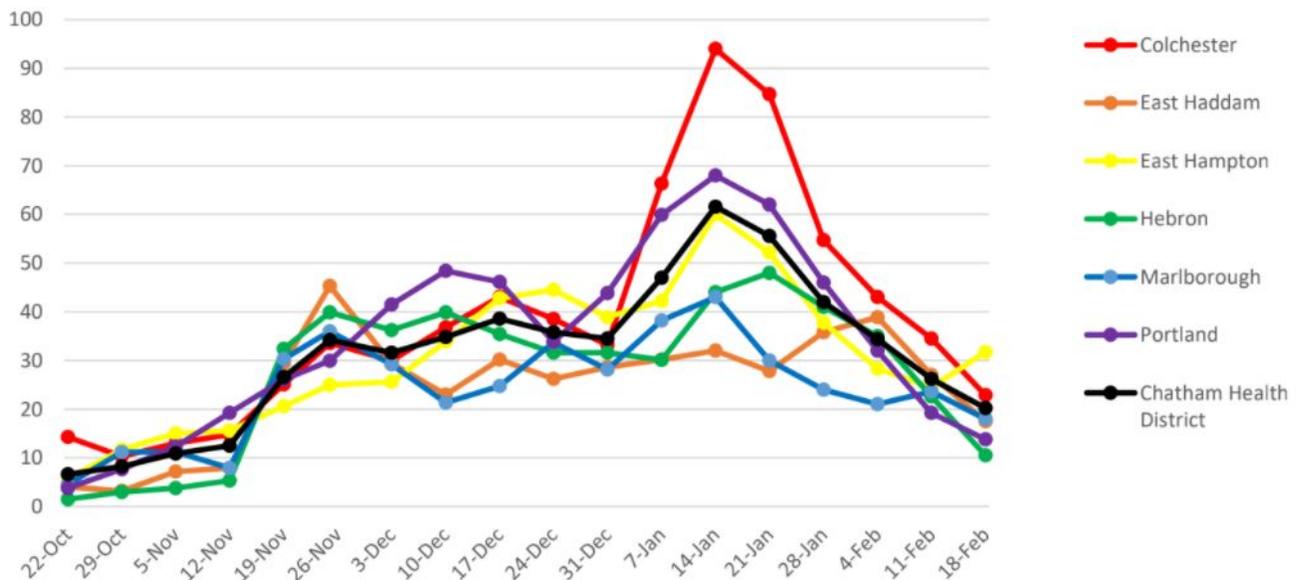
February 19, 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

COVID-19 Case Update

There has been a sharp drop in total COVID-19 cases in our school community and the Town. The rate of vaccination in Colchester is currently 13.6%.

Average Daily Case Rate (# of cases /100,000 population)



Instructional Model Review

Every four weeks, CPS reviews the current instructional model. Next week, we will review current COVID-19 data with the staff and administration at Bacon Academy and William J. Johnston Middle School to assess how we may best deliver instruction in the coming months.

Mask Update from the CDC

Please review the updated CDC guidance on masks: [Improve How Your Mask Protects You](#). There has been no change to mask protocols in our schools.

CIAC Update

Yesterday, the CIAC released the following update to Winter and Spring sports: [CIAC February 18th Update – Winter and Spring Sports](#). CPS will carefully review this guidance in determining the status of CPS winter and spring sports. However, at this time there is no change to our current protocols.

Vaccination Site:

In a continued effort to meet public health needs relating to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Ned Lamont, the Mohegan Tribe, and Yale New Haven Health System today announced plans to open a large-scale community vaccination site at Mohegan Sun. The clinic will open on Friday, February 19, 2021, and will be located at Mohegan Sun's Earth Expo & Convention Center. It will operate on an appointment-only basis, weather permitting, and is available for Connecticut residents.

Connecticut residents who are currently eligible to be vaccinated can schedule an appointment for the clinic by visiting www.ynhhs.org/covidvaccine and selecting the Mohegan Sun location. Appointments will also be available through the state's COVID Vaccine Appointment Assist Line (877-918-2224), which is open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Webinar Series for Parents and Families on Supporting Children's Well-Being and Learning during COVID-19

The CSDE is hosting a series of virtual conversations for parents and caregivers who are managing children's learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. This series is a follow-up to a December statewide town hall with families where over 400 attendees asked questions and offered comments and suggestions that were used to inform these new sessions. This conversation series is tailored for families; educators and community members are also welcome to attend. Interested individuals may register for any or all of the sessions. All sessions take place on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please see the flyer here: [Registration information for Parent/Family Webinars](#)

Upcoming Week: February 22-26

Colchester Elementary School and Jack Jackter Intermediate School

- Monday & Tuesday: CES/JJIS full in-person learning
- Wednesday: CES/JJIS in-person, shortened day
- Thursday & Friday: CES/JJIS full in-person learning

William J. Johnston Middle School and Bacon Academy

- Monday & Tuesday: Group 1 in-person
- Wednesday: All remote, shortened day
- Thursday & Friday: Group 2 in-person

Have a question or concern?

- **EMAILS**

General questions: covid19@colchesterct.org
Tech questions: techhelp@colchesterct.org
BOE questions: boardquestions@colchesterct.org

Frequently asked questions: [CPS Parent FAQ](#). For the most current update on COVID-19, please visit 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