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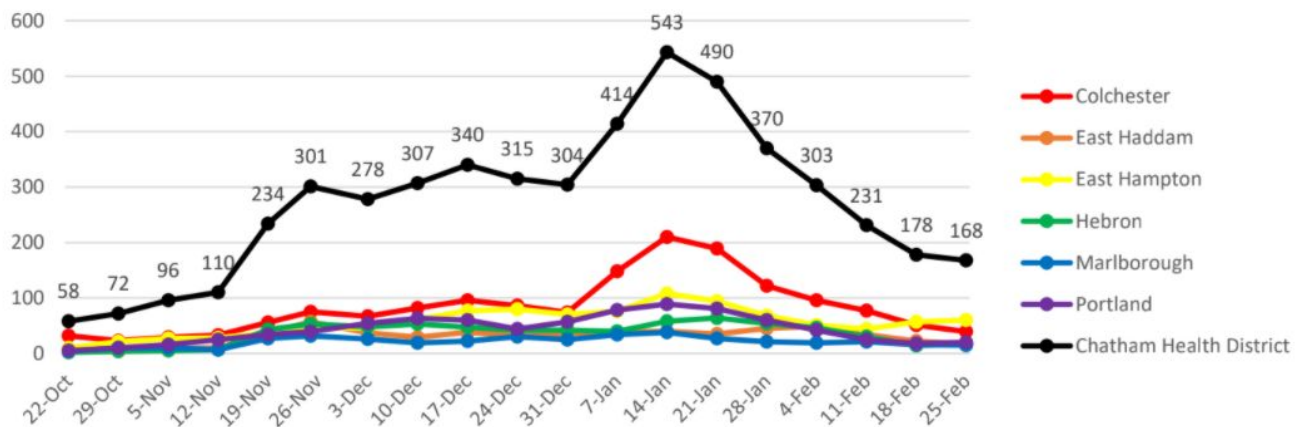
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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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 17.6% (first shot).

Number of Cases Reported



Instructional Model Review

This week, we reviewed current COVID-19 data with the staff and administration at William J. Johnston Middle School and Bacon Academy to assess how we may best deliver instruction in the coming months. At this time, there is a strong possibility that WJMS students will return to full-time, in-person learning in April. Prior to this instructional model change, the District will hold a WJMS parent workshop in mid-March for more information. At this time, there are no instructional model changes for Bacon Academy.

Voluntary At-Home Learners

If your student plans to return to in-person learning, please contact the school directly.

CIAC Update

Last week, the CIAC released the following update to Winter and Spring sports: [CIAC February 18th Update – Winter and Spring Sports](#). At this time there, is no change to our current protocols. The topic of audiences for sports is still under review.

Vaccinations Update

CPS is actively working with Chatham Public Health to schedule a closed clinic for CPS staff who are eligible for vaccination.

The clinic at Mohegan Sun opened last week on an appointment-only basis. Connecticut residents who are currently eligible to be vaccinated can schedule an appointment for the clinic by visiting [Yale New Haven Health: Get Your COVID-19 Vaccine](#) 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

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](#)

2020-2021 School Year Calendar

[Calendars - School Year and School Arrival/Dismissal](#)

Upcoming Week: March 1-5

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