



# Colchester Public Schools

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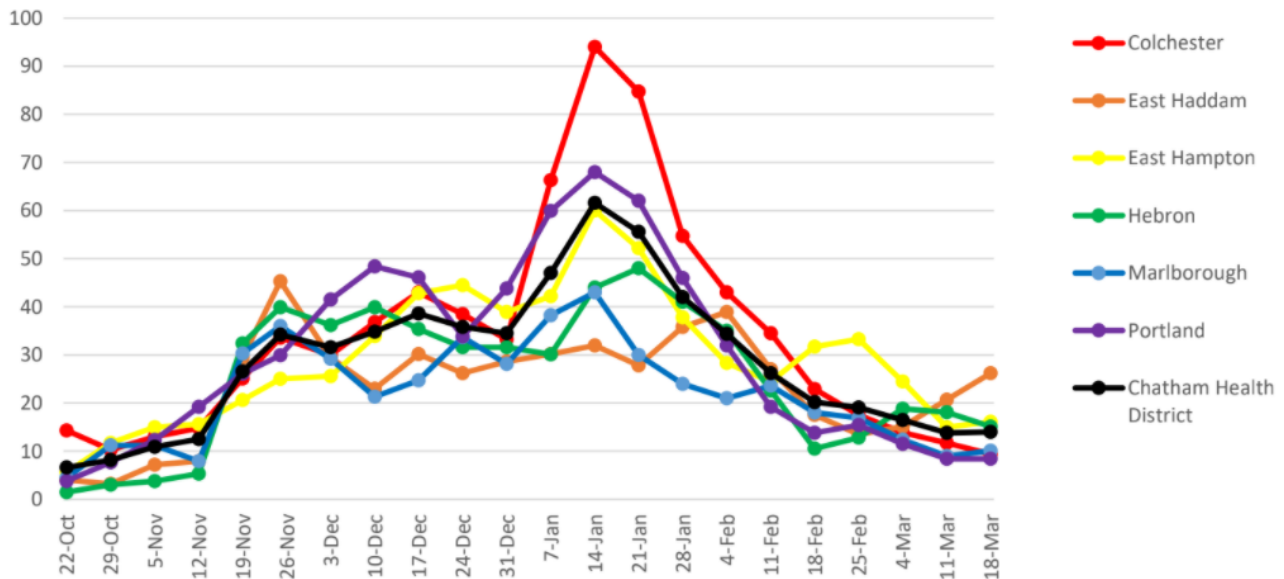
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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Total COVID-19 cases in our school community and the Town continue to drop. We are hopeful that the rate of vaccination, which is currently 28.5% in Colchester for first doses, will outpace the potential rise in cases.

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



### William J. Johnston Middle School

WJMS students will be returning to full-time, in-person learning beginning April 19th. On March 17th, District administrators held a parent Q&A, which can be viewed here: [WJMS Reopening Parent Q&A 03.17.2021](#).

### CALENDAR CHANGE: Friday, April 9th will be an Early Release Day for All Schools

Friday, April 9th will be an early release day for all schools to avoid conflicts with the closed vaccination clinic for CPS staff. The revised calendar is linked below. The early release schedule is as follows:

PreK AM:	10:35am
PreK PM:	Cancelled
Grades K-5:	12:55pm
Grades 6-8:	11:40pm
Grades 9-12:	11:55pm

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

[REVISED SY 2020-2021](#)

### **Vaccination Updates**

- [Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine Portal](#)
- [Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#)
- [Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- [Governor Lamont Announces Plans To Ease Some COVID-19 Restrictions in Connecticut](#)
- **Yale Video on COVID-19 Vaccines:** Yale School of Public Health has created a short public service announcement about the safety and efficacy of mRNA vaccinations for COVID-19. This video is intended to directly address misinformation surrounding vaccine hesitancy: [mRNA Vaccines - How the COVID mRNA vaccines work](#)

### **Meals Update**

Colchester Public Schools will offer free breakfast and lunch to all students and to all children 18 years of age and younger (includes: entree, fruit, veggie, and milk) through the last day of school in June 2021. Beginning April 1, 2021, Grab-N-Go Meals pick up will be at Bacon Academy in front of the Auditorium doors. Pick up days will be Mondays and Thursdays only, and pick up time will be 10:00AM to 10:30AM.

### **Updated Travel Advisory**

Today, 3/19/2021, Executive Order 9S Section 1 regarding travel is no longer in effect ([CT website on Coronavirus and Travel](#)). As such the Connecticut Department of Public Health Travel Advisory no longer has any enforcement provisions but still remains a recommendation. The recommendations have been updated to closely reflect CDC travel guidance ([CDC Guidance on After You Travel](#)).

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

On March 9th, the Superintendent presented his proposed 2021-2022 budget to the Board of Education. You may view his presentation here: [Budget presentation to BOE March 2021](#). The next BOE budget workshop is Tuesday, March 23rd at 6:00 via ZOOM video conference calling. All meetings are open to the public and can be accessed here: [BoardDocs public access](#).

### **Upcoming Week: March 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](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