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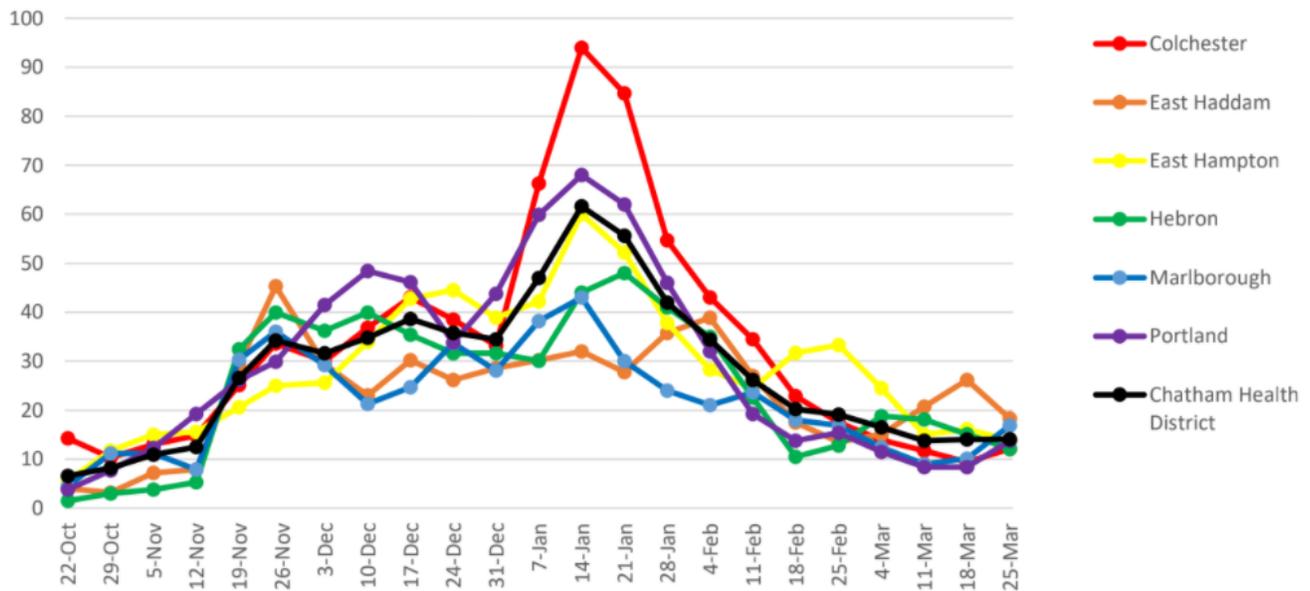
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Vaccine Update

- The rate of vaccination in Colchester is currently 32.4% for first doses.
- [Bailey: What's the Difference Between 3 and 6 Feet When it Comes to COVID-19 Spread? Not So Much. New Summary of 130 Studies Shows](#)
- [How to Talk to Family and Friends about COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

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



Bacon Academy

District and building administration is working with staff on the possibility of students returning full time in May. Our process will include a building-based committee, review of the parent survey results, and a full staff discussion to address comments and concerns. A parent workshop and Q&A session will be held on Tuesday, April 6th to detail any changes to the instructional model.

William J. Johnston Middle School

The district has been made aware that a number of families are travelling for the April break and we are considering delaying the return to full time until April 26th to avoid significant disruptions as were seen after the winter break. The final decision for this change will be made by Friday, April 2nd.

Updated Student Promotion/Retention Regulation

Colchester Public School (CPS) staff recognize the broad impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on students and their families, as well as the more specific impact it has had on each student's access to instruction. For some students, the pandemic has impacted their attendance to school and/or their academic growth to the extent that they may not be adequately prepared for the next grade level. As an extension of the BOE Policy, [this Retention Regulation](#) provides greater detail as to the identification of students who will be considered for retention in the 2020/21 academic year, as well as the available support aimed at assisting identified students reach grade level proficiency prior to being retained.

School Year Calendar

- **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](#)

2021-2022 Education Budget Process

On March 23rd, The Superintendent presented a revised 2021-2022 budget, which the BOE approved. You may view his presentation here: [Superintendent's Budget Workshop PowerPoint Presentation](#). The next meeting of the Board of Education is on March 30th. All meetings are open to the public and can be accessed here: [BoardDocs public access](#).

Upcoming Week: March 29th to April 1st

FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND: NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)

Colchester Elementary School and Jack Jackter Intermediate School

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: CES/JJIS full in-person learning
- Friday: NO SCHOOL

William J. Johnston Middle School and Bacon Academy

- Monday & Tuesday: Group 1 in-person
- Wednesday & Thursday: Group 2 in-person
- Friday: NO SCHOOL

Have a question or concern?

- **EMAILS**
Budget questions: budget@colchesterct.org

- 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Burt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeffrey Burt, Superintendent