



# Colchester Public Schools

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Dear Faculty and Families,

I am writing to you today to inform you that a **student at Colchester Elementary School** (not connected to notification dated 10/8/2020) has tested positive for COVID-19 and is isolating. As soon as the District was made aware of this confirmed diagnosis, CPS notified the Chatham Health District (CHD) to assess the risk of transmission. Based on the guidance provided by the CHD, the District will be taking the following steps below to keep our community safe:

**1) Isolation:** The student member of our community who has tested positive for COVID-19 has followed medical recommendations to isolate. Please understand that more specific information will not be shared due to privacy concerns.

**2) Contact Tracing:** Working collaboratively, the CPS staff and CHD have already reached out to those who came into contact with the individual who tested positive and have asked them to self-isolate.

**3) Continuity of Education:** At this point the district, after consulting with CHD, has made the decision to keep the school open. As outlined in the CHD's [CSDE/DPH Adapt, Advance, Achieve Addendum 5 Operational Flow Chart](#), **a cohort** at Colchester Elementary School will quarantine for 14 calendar days. Instruction for this cohort will be remote during the period of quarantine.

We will continue to monitor and communicate with you regarding this situation. We will use sound decision making based on guidance from the CDC and CHD to maintain safety and continue instruction. Please feel free to contact us for specific questions or concerns.

Thank you, as always, for your support and partnership as we work to keep our students, staff, and community safe.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey E. Burt, Superintendent of Schools