



# Colchester Public Schools

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Dear Faculty and Families,

I am writing to you today to inform you that **two student members of Colchester Elementary School** have tested positive for COVID-19 and are isolating. As soon as the District was made aware of these confirmed diagnoses, Colchester Public Schools (CPS) notified the Chatham Health District (CHD) to assess the risk of transmission. Based on the guidance provided by the CHD, the District has taken the following steps below to keep our community safe.

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

**2) Contact Tracing:** In both cases, the CPS staff and CHD have already reached out to those who came into contact with the individuals who tested positive and have asked them to self-isolate. In the first case the student was already isolating due to an outside contact. In the second case, as outlined in the CHD's [CSDE/DPH Adapt, Advance, Achieve Addendum 5 Operational Flow Chart](#), **one class** at Colchester Elementary School will quarantine for 14 calendar days. Instruction for this class will be remote during the period of quarantine.

**3) Continuity of Education:** After consulting with CHD, the school will remain open.

The District will continue to monitor this situation and will use sound decision making based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control 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