



## MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 42

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Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you that two individuals have tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). These individuals were in their respective buildings on Monday morning. As a result of these two positive cases, other cases that are highly likely to be positive, the volume of community involvement, and the large number of direct contacts in both buildings, we will be returning to remote learning beginning tomorrow. Our tentative return date is set for January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Teachers will be teaching their students remotely from their classrooms. Students in grades 7-12 will follow the remote plan schedule with electives paused (as was done prior to Christmas break). Parents of Fort Street students may pick up devices and other materials tomorrow (Thursday) between the hours of 7:30-9:00. Classes for Fort Street students will begin at 10:00; students will follow their regular daily schedule.

Beginning tomorrow, meals (lunch/next day's breakfast) will be delivered to students. Buses will begin their deliveries at 10:30. If you have not called either school during previous remote learning days for school lunch, please do so tomorrow morning by 9:30. If you have called in the past, your child's name is already on our current lunch list. Just a reminder that lunch is free to all students; it is a wonderful opportunity to get a well-balanced, nutritious meal at no cost to families.

Because of the active scenarios that are occurring in this and neighboring communities, please call or email the school nurse with any updated information concerning health changes, possible COVID symptoms, test results, and positive COVID cases that impact your family. It is imperative that she keeps track of COVID cases, quarantine periods, and test results. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

Lastly, because we are in remote learning mode, ALL after school activities including ALL sports are cancelled until we return to in-person learning. Please be assured that these decisions are difficult to make; thank you for your efforts and assistance during these remote learning days.

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that ranges from mild to severe. The virus mainly spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes and an uninfected person breathes in the virus. Signs and symptoms include: Fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. If your child develops any of these symptoms, please contact your primary care physician.

Maine CDC recommends prevention measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These measures include proper hand washing with soap and warm water, using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60

percent alcohol, avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth, and avoiding close contact with people who are sick.

MSAD 42 seeks to maintain a safe environment for employees, students, their families, and the community. As such, we adhere to an approved standard operating procedure when/if students or staff have been in contact with or have tested positive for COVID-19. Questions for the school can be directed to myself by calling 425-3771. You can also text your zip code to 898-211 or email [info@211maine.org](mailto:info@211maine.org), [www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus) or [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

Sincerely,  
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