



MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 42

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to update you on our current COVID statistics. As of today, we have 5 positive COVID cases in school. None of these cases have emanated from within the buildings. Three positive cases are at the junior/senior high level and two cases are at the elementary level. This data along with community activity is a primary factor in our universal masking requirement **which will stay in effect until harvest break.**

Students who have been identified as close contacts are automatically uploaded into the Sara Alert system which monitors close contacts. The platform conducts symptom checks during the quarantine period on close contacts of confirmed cases. Parents can opt out of the Sara Alert system when they receive the initial call.

Fort Street students who are quarantining should be joining their classes via the zoom link that is sent to them and keep up with their assignments. Junior/senior high students should check on google classroom for daily assignments and touch base with their teacher(s) during learning lab. Any student who does not stay current with assignments will be required to attend after school tutoring when they return to school. Just as a reminder, we are not offering a remote learning option this year. Students are expected to be in classes when school is in session except if they are required to quarantine.

We will be evaluating various data points during harvest break to decide whether our masking requirement will remain in effect, and I will inform everyone prior to school going back in session. Students have been assigned seats on the bus. Please help us by reminding your child that they need to sit in the same seat both in the morning and in the afternoon.

As a reminder, if someone in your household is ill or there is a possibility of being exposed to COVID, please have your child stay home until symptoms improve. If you have questions or are unsure how to proceed, please contact our school nurse, Poppy York, during regular school hours of 8:00 am -3:00 pm. Please allow her 24 hours to respond to your email or phone call.

Our goal continues to be to keep students in school as much as possible this year. By working together, we can accomplish this important task.

Sincerely,

Elaine Boulier, C.A.S.