



MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 42

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Dear Parents,

This letter is to update you on the status of positive cases of COVID-19 and pooled testing in our schools. As many of you know, we began pooled testing in November; that has helped mitigate the number of students needing to quarantine and has allowed students to remain in school.

However, this week's pooled testing has resulted in 5 pools coming back positive at Fort Street School. Those positive cases from the pools are in addition to 4 other positive COVID cases this week. Due to this large number of positive cases at Fort Street School, **we will be transitioning to remote instruction at the elementary building beginning Monday, December 20.** Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning, all students at Fort Street School will be doing remote learning; they will be following their regular schedule.

We will deliver meals to students (lunch/next day's breakfast) next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for those interested. If you would like to have meals delivered for your child, please call Fort Street by 8:30 on each of the school days. Buses will begin their deliveries at 10:30. Staff will leave meals on the porch or at the front door.

Because the pooled testing results at the high school showed no positive cases, the **students in grades 7-12 will continue with in-person instruction next week.** Monday and Tuesday are regular school days, and Wednesday is an early release day. Students will be dismissed at 11:30.

Please be aware that there is active community involvement with COVID-19; the county has many positive cases. During Christmas break, please continue to be vigilant with your child(ren)'s health and monitor their temperature daily. If your child(ren) starts developing any symptoms of COVID-19, please contact your primary care physician directly or have your child tested for the virus.

Lastly, ALL after school activities for Fort Street students are canceled until school resumes in January. Please be assured that these decisions are difficult to make; thank you for your efforts and assistance during these remote learning days.

We apologize for inconveniences; however please keep in mind that we are adhering to an approved standard operating procedure and guidance from the CDC. Questions for the school can be directed to myself by calling 425-3771 or to Heidi Garrison at 429-8514,

Sincerely,  
Elaine Boulier, C.A.S.