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Connecticut COVID-19 Response
Northeast District Department of Health
Free Priority Testing Sites

March 17, 2021

Dear Staff and Parents,

This message is primarily for students who ride on bus 7, but I am making the entire school community aware so that you can continue to remain diligent about following all of the mitigation strategies.

We have someone that rides <u>bus 7</u> who tested positive for COVID-19. Out of an abundance of caution, we will be quarantining all students who have ridden on <u>bus 7</u> Thursday, March 11th. We will assume all students listed as <u>bus 7</u> will be quarantined unless you specifically reach out to the school nurse and explain that your child was not on the bus on Thursday. We will need this information for contact tracing should it become necessary. <u>Students on bus 7 will need to quarantine until</u> <u>March 21st and return to school on March 22nd.</u>

When you are quarantined you must remain home, try to isolate from other family members to reduce the spread of the virus. Families who are unable to isolate from other family members may be required to quarantine longer. Our school nurses would be happy to assist you specifically with questions related to your family situations.

BES Nurse Amy Barrette can be reached at 860-774-4618. BMS Nurse Sherry MacFarland 860-774-1498.

Given that we have three cases in one classroom it is possible that this could be related to in-school transmission and wanted to make you aware of that. We are working with the local department of health, NDDH, on these cases so you may receive a call about this. We are also aware that there are cases of the COVID-19 variant in northeastern CT so we are also cautious about that. We know that the variants are more contagious and can cause you to become more ill. Please contact the school nurse if you have your child tested or if your child develops any symptoms.

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