WOODBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

40 Beecher Road - South Woodbridge, Connecticut 06525

Jonathan S. Budd - Superintendent

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Beecher Road School Community

December 23, 2021

Dear BRS Community Members:

In the evening of December 22, 2021, the Woodbridge School District was notified that a member of our community tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), and was at Beecher Road School when potentially contagious; on December 23, 2021, the District was notified that two additional members of our community tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), and were at Beecher Road School when potentially contagious. The affected persons have been instructed to remain home in self-isolation and have been provided with additional instructions to follow prior to returning to our school community. The individuals' family members have also been instructed to self-quarantine and get tested.

The last day the first individual was at Beecher Road School when potentially contagious was Wednesday, December 22, 2021; the last day the second individual was at Beecher Road School when potentially contagious was Tuesday, December 21, 2021; the last day the third individual was at Beecher Road School when potentially contagious was Wednesday, December 22, 2021. Anyone who is considered a "close contact" with any of these individuals has already been contacted and provided with instructions on the appropriate steps to take. If you have not been contacted by a BRS administrator or school nurse, then your child is not considered a close contact.

The following preventive measures continue to be essential for all members of our community:

- Wash your hands frequently, but especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for about 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash your fingertips. When soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze inside the elbow of your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.
- Wear a mask whenever there is a likelihood that you or your family members will be in the presence of others.
- Maintain social distancing between yourself and others when outside of your home.

Below is the list of COVID-19 symptoms for which everyone should monitor in their family members:

- Fever (100.4° Fahrenheit or higher)
- Chills or shaking chills
- Uncontrolled new cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell

For additional information on COVID-19 symptoms, please click here to be brought to the CDC website.

If your child or a family member experiences any symptoms of COVID-19, please consult with a healthcare provider. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 or is pending results of a COVID-19 test due to experiencing symptoms, please call or e-mail Beecher Road School Principal Analisa Sherman at (203) 815-2267 or asherman@woodbridgeps.org.

If your child is ill for any reason, please keep your child home from school.

We are closely monitoring this situation in consultation with the Quinnipiack Valley Health District (QVHD). Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time: 203-387-6631 or <u>jbudd@woodbridgeps.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Jonathan S. Budd, Ph.D. Superintendent