

February 4, 2021

Dear Parents and Staff:

The Clinton Public Schools received notification today of a positive COVID-19 test result for a member of the Joel School community. In accordance with CDC and Department of Public Health guidelines, the affected individual has been instructed to isolate for 10 days from the date of the positive test. The individual from Joel Elementary School who tested positive was last in the school building on January 29, 2021. In partnership with the CT River Area Health District (CRAHD), our local health district, contact tracing was conducted today and all individuals who were determined to be in close contact with the positive case have received a phone call and have been informed about required actions.

The district was also notified today of an additional positive case from Joel School and two cases from The Morgan School. None of these additional cases required contact tracing and there is no impact to the school communities.

It is imperative that all students, staff, and parents work together to control the spread of COVID-19 and implement the mitigation strategies of mask wearing, social distancing, and hand hygiene that have been shown to reduce and control the spread of COVID-19. If any staff or students exhibit any of the symptoms related to COVID-19 they should stay home, call their medical provider to report their symptoms, and notify School Nurse Supervisor Donna Frechette at dfrechette@clintonpublic.net or 860-664-6572.

The District will continue to immediately respond to notifications of positive COVID-19 cases of students or staff in the district, to work closely with the CT River Area Health District, and to communicate with our families and staff all required information and notifications.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or our School Nurse Supervisor Donna Frechette at dfrechette@clintonpublic.net.

Sincerely,

Maryann R. O'Donnell
Superintendent