

March 13, 2021

Dear Parents and Staff:

I am sending this second notification letter this evening, because the Clinton Public Schools received notification this afternoon of two new positive COVID-19 test results for members of the Joel Elementary School community. The individuals who tested positive were last in the school building on March 12, 2021.

Following the guidance of 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.

It is imperative that all students, staff, and parents work together both in-school and out-of-school 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](mailto: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. Summary data regarding positive cases and public health metrics can be found on the [COVID-19 dashboard](#) on the district website.

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

Sincerely,

*Maryann R. O'Donnell*  
Superintendent