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IMPORTANT COMMUNICATIONS

District Notifications of Positive Cases

When the district is notified of a positive COVID-19 case of a student or staff member in our schools we immediately begin to conduct contact tracing. Contact tracing helps to slow the spread of COVID-19 by letting people know they may have been exposed to COVID-19 and should monitor their health for signs and symptoms of the virus. Contact tracing can also provide individuals with the information needed to decide whether or not to get tested and direct people to self-isolate if they have COVID-19 or self-quarantine if they are a close contact of someone with COVID-19.

When the contact tracing results in a need to quarantine students or staff members because they are considered a close contact, a letter notification is sent to the community and the information is reported to the Department of Public Health. In certain circumstances, no quarantines are necessary because the contact tracing does not reveal any impact to other students or staff members, most often because a person has been out of the school building for a long period of time. In these cases, the District does not send a letter to the community, but the information is still reported to the Department of Public Health.

In an effort to ensure that staff and parents have all of the data and information available to them and clear understanding of the messaging that occurs, we have updated our website to include a tab for [COVID-19 Information](#). On this page, you will find weekly summary data of positive cases in each of our schools, as well as the public health metric leading indicator trend data for the State of CT, Middlesex County, and Clinton. We will also include links to the original data sources from the Department of Public Health for direct access to the data and additional information for your reference.

The evidence and data that is used to support decision-making includes the positive cases in each of our schools, as well as the county and local health metrics and trending. This information is evaluated weekly with our local health department and is supported by the guidance provided by DPH and the State Department of Education in Addenda 4 and 9. Our goal is to ensure that our school community has accurate information regarding the impacts of COVID-19 on our schools and are able to easily access the data that is important to them.

Meal Service

The CPS Food Service Department is providing meal service for all students on a daily basis. **Meals can be picked up from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the back of The Morgan School.** Follow the driveway around the back entrance of the building for pickup. Please wear a mask when picking up meals and remain in your car and a staff member will bring the meal to you.

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Snow Days

The Connecticut State Board of Education has granted school districts flexibility to consider the use of remote learning in place of a weather-related cancellation. After having reviewed the flexibilities and requirements, the Clinton Board of Education has made the following decision regarding school closures due to inclement weather:

- If the district is following the **In-Person Learning** schedule, the first three days that would require a closure due to weather would be made up in June. Any days beyond that would be considered for remote learning and communicated to families.
- If the district is following the **Hybrid or Remote Learning Models**, any weather-related events that would force a closure to schools would result in a shift to remote learning.
- The Morgan School graduation date will remain fixed as determined by the approved CPS School Calendar.

Since it is important for families to be able to plan for the possible decisions and impacts when we have the need to make weather-related closure or delay decisions, information will be shared quickly through the district's SchoolMessenger alert system, local television stations, and the district social media accounts.

HEALTH OFFICE NEWS & INFORMATION

Communicating During Remote Learning

Parents/guardians should continue to call into your respective Health Offices with health concerns, and especially COVID-related updates as classroom attendance will be taken daily and the school will be tracking absences. If there are any questions or concerns parents/guardians are encouraged to call Donna Frechette at (860) 664-6572 or email at dfrechette@clintonpublic.net.

Communicating COVID-related illnesses is important for our health offices as we still need to track, respond to, and report positive cases. Even though we are in remote learning at each of our schools, we need to monitor our cases in order to make determinations about returning to in-person learning.

Testing for COVID-19

The Community Health Center, Inc. in Old Saybrook has announced that their testing site is now extended to 7 days per week (closed on Thanksgiving). The testing site will be open from Monday-Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary and you do not need to be experiencing symptoms to be tested. Please click the links for additional information on the Old Saybrook testing site: [English Flyer](#) / [Spanish Flyer](#)

To find additional, no-cost testing sites near Clinton, please [click here](#).

Travel Information & Holidays

As we approach the holiday season, we ask that you exercise caution when considering your plans. If you travel out of state to visit family or friends, please know that CT has a travel advisory in effect. If your travel takes you out of the country or to a state on the travel advisory list, you must follow the latest requirements for return to CT. You can find the latest update on impacted locations and frequently asked questions at <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus/travel>. On this site you will be able to locate travel forms and requirements for testing and quarantine. Your child must remain out of school until a negative PCR test is returned and documentation is submitted to the Health Office. Please contact your respective Health Office if you have travel plans over the holidays in order to assist you with the above requirements and any other questions you may have.