

School Calendar

The School Calendar has been slightly modified to include the adjusted and updated Professional Development Early Release Dates. Professional Development is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2020 and that school day will be an early release day for all students. This will hold as long as we are in either the Full In-Person Learning Model or the Full Remote Learning Model. If the district switches to a Hybrid Model at any point in the school year, Professional Development Early Release Days would not occur.

The updated calendar can be found [here](#).

Important Reminders from the Health Office

It is imperative that students or staff who are not feeling well stay home and contact their health provider if they are experiencing any of the following symptoms. Our health offices are available for parents with questions and our School Nurse Supervisor is designated to respond to all COVID-19 questions that parents or staff may have.

For your convenience, the health office has created a Daily Self-Check form that you can print out and use each day prior to sending your child into school. That form can be found [here](#).

Here are the questions to ask:

- Does your child have a fever today of 100.4°F or greater?
- Does your child have shortness of breath or other difficulties breathing?
- Does your child have a persistent cough that is new?
- Does your child have loss of taste/smell?
- Does your child have flu-like symptoms such as gastro-intestinal upset, nausea, vomiting, headache?
- Has your child been in contact or close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19?
- Has your child traveled in the past 14 days to any regions listed on the DPH travel advisory list?

If you answer **YES to any of the questions listed above, your child is **REQUIRED** to stay home and a call should be placed to your medical provider for further guidance.**

Please also remember to report to your school office if your child is absent from school for any reason.

Health Office Phone Lines

Joel Health Office: (860) 664-6571

Eliot Health Office: (860) 664-6573

Morgan Health Office: (860) 664-6574

For additional information or to address questions regarding school health policies related to COVID-19, parents may contact School Nurse Supervisor Donna Frechette at dfrechette@clintonpublic.net

We will continue to maintain a safe and healthy environment for learning and ensure that we can maintain our In-Person Learning Model if we all work together and stay home when we are sick or not feeling well.

Procedures for Positive Cases in the Schools

We have received questions from staff and families about the steps that we will take and the ways that information will be communicated regarding any positive cases in the schools. We want parents and staff to be aware of the following:

- If there is a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in a member of the school community, a notification will come from my office to all families and staff.
- Contact Tracing will be conducted with the assistance of the Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD) and students or staff who are close contacts will be notified to quarantine.
- The decision on who is identified for possible exclusion, and if there is a need to close schools and move to remote learning for any period of time, will be based on the [Addendum 9: Contact Tracing in Schools](#) guidance table and in discussion with CRAHD.
- If a student or staff member is sick the guidance in [Addendum 5: Interim Guidance for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios in CT School Districts](#) is followed. These include the following possible situations:
 - Individual ***has COVID-19 Symptoms***, but has NOT had close contact to a person diagnosed with COVID-19
 - Individual ***has COVID-19 Symptoms***, AND had close contact to a person diagnosed with COVID-19
 - Individual ***does not have COVID-19 Symptoms***, BUT had close contact to someone diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Each of the scenarios in the bullets above has several decision-trees associated with them and can be found in Addendum 5 for your reference.
- There are respiratory illnesses that are circulating, but there is a very low incidence of COVID-19 in Middlesex County and in Clinton.
- We continue to monitor the trending and data on a weekly basis to make determinations about our school learning plan.
- We are prepared to make a change to our plans if needed based on the weekly data, so families should be prepared to make the change to Remote or Hybrid learning if necessary.
- The School Nurse Supervisor and Superintendent O'Donnell are in constant contact with CRAHD personnel and the School Medical Advisor to review and address all scenarios that arise.
- The safety of our staff and students requires that we follow strict protocols for exclusion as necessary and work with staff and families to be sure that our schools are healthy environments.

We cannot do this without a united commitment to our mitigation strategies and staying home for school or work if you are not feeling well. Thank you to all of our staff and students for working together to reopen our schools and to commit to the safety and well-being of our community.