



Windham School District

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Dear Staff and School Community,

We were notified this morning that the high school received another COVID-19 positive case among our school community. We regret to inform you that after we conducted contact tracing, it was determined that there was substantial impact on our teaching staff's ability to be in the building. Due to this impact, we are forced to transition the high school into a full remote model for all students effective **Tuesday, March 30th**, with an anticipated return on Monday, April 5.

As of this morning, the high school has 17 staff members that have been identified as close contacts and will need to quarantine based on NH DHHS recommendations and guidelines. All students are expected to participate in their typical learning day through Zoom. Students participating in after-school activities and CTE are still able to attend.

On a positive note, **11th grade students will be able to return to full in-person learning starting Monday, April 5th**. The option for a full remote model is still available for any student that chooses. Should you have any questions on the learning model that you have requested, please contact your child's principal directly. Special circumstances for consideration in association with the hybrid learning model can be discussed, assuming space and staff are available. The district's safety protocols outlined for COVID-19 will remain intact.

Additionally, there is a **possibility for our 7th grade students to also return on Monday, April 5th if we can decrease the number of students that need district transportation**. At this time, we are unable to provide additional buses due to the ongoing shortage of licensed bus drivers. A survey will be sent out to 7th grade parents to get a better understanding of our parent's ability to transport their students to and from school. At this time, **an additional 40 students, at minimum, would need to have confirmed transportation in order for a full return for the 7th grade to be possible**.

We remain committed to releasing more information on the viability of a full return for grades 8-10. We will have additional details on these grades learning models on Wednesday, March 31st.

Be safe, be well, and continue the fight against the spread of COVID-19.

Thank you,

Richard Langlois
Superintendent of Schools