

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 1

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Dear Students, Families, and Staff,

I stated in my letter to the community on September 14 that I plan to communicate with the community when we have three or more positive cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in one day. We have been made aware today that five individuals in MSAD #1 have tested positive for the coronavirus. Two individuals are affiliated with Pine Street Elementary School, two individuals are affiliated with Presque Isle Middle School, and one individual is affiliated with Presque Isle High School.

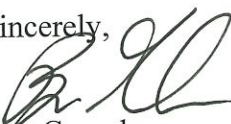
Members of the MSAD #1 Health Services department notified the students considered close contacts to the individuals who tested positive at Presque Isle Middle School. If you have not been contacted, your student is not considered a close contact. There are no close contacts involved with the cases at Pine Street Elementary School and Presque Isle High School as the individuals who tested positive were not in school during their infectious period. The Maine CDC defines a person's "infectious period" to be two days prior to testing positive for the coronavirus OR two days prior to exhibiting COVID-like symptoms. **All MSAD 1 schools will remain open for in-person instruction.**

We were also made aware this afternoon that a number of Presque Isle Middle School boys and girls soccer players on both the "Blue" and "White" teams have come into contact with individuals who have tested positive for COVID. It is likely that some upcoming Presque Isle Middle School soccer games for boys and girls on the "Blue" and "White" teams will need to be rescheduled. MASD #1 Athletic Director, Mark White will be in contact with the players, coaches, and their families regarding makeup dates for games if necessary.

For up-to-date information regarding active cases in our schools as well the number of students currently in quarantine, please visit our COVID Dashboard on our website at <https://sad1.org/covid-dashboard/>

Please remember to keep your child home if he or she is not feeling well and reach out to MSAD #1 Health Service Director, Lisa Mckenna at mckennal@sad1.org for additional guidance prior to returning to school.

Sincerely,



Ben Greenlaw
Superintendent