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Timberlane Regional School District
Hampstead School District

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Dear TRMS families and staff.

We learned on December 13, 2020 that a TRMS community member has tested positive for COVID-19. This person was last in the building on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Contact tracing showed that it is highly unlikely that any positive cases are a result of in-school spread, but it could not be definitively ruled out. Therefore, we are operating in a fully remote model at TRMS Monday, December 14, 2020 through Wednesday, December 16, 2020. This pause in in-person instruction will allow us to do additional contact tracing and confer with medical professionals. The TRMS building will be closed through Wednesday, December 16th.

Due to the effective social distancing measures put in place, at this time, we have not identified anyone needing to quarantine due to this recent case, but we felt it was important to notify the community of this case and our efforts to make sure we continue to put the safety of our students and staff at the forefront of our decision making. We will continue to work with DHHS officials to identify others, if any, who may have been in close contact with this individual and will provide additional updates if necessary.

Please remember that if your child shows any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 as described in the <a href="TRSD">TRSD</a> <a href="Daily Screening Form">Daily Screening Form</a>, that they are to stay home, and you are to contact your school nurse. We understand the desire to know more information, but please refrain from calling the school or NH DHHS in regards to this case. No information that could potentially identify the individual can be shared. Please refer to our <a href="COVID-19 resources">COVID-19 resources</a> which can be found on our website.

At this time, our plan is to open TRMS in the cohort model on Thursday, December 17 (with cohort 2 students on Thursday, 12/17 & Friday, 12/18 and cohort 1 students on Monday, 12/21 & Tuesday 12/22). Should anything change, we will communicate with you as soon as possible.

Your student's schedule will follow our regular schedule on Monday and Tuesday (though all classes will be remote) and on Wednesday, we'll follow the Wednesday schedule we've been using all year for remote days. Schedules can be found here: <a href="https://www.timberlane.net/ms/news-events/">https://www.timberlane.net/ms/news-events/</a> and will be discussed in Advisory tomorrow morning. If you have questions about the schedule, please email your child's grade-level assistant principal or school counselor.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Cochrane

Maegan Koelker

Interim Superintendent of Schools

TRMS Principal