



• SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #46 •

Andover & Merrimack Valley School Districts

September 20, 2020

Dear MVSD Families:

This weekend, we learned of two positive COVID-19 cases at Penacook Elementary School (PES). As per the District's COVID-19 response protocols, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) and New Hampshire Department of Education (NH DOE) were immediately notified. PES and District communications and processes moving forward will be guided by the NH DHHS. The NH DHHS will work with PES and initiate contact tracing as public health officials deem necessary.

Additionally, the District will work with the NH DHHS in determining to what extent and scope current PES services and schedules may need to be modified. Monday being a fully remote day for all students, provides PES with some flexibility and a little more time to organize with the NH DHHS as well.

Beyond reaching out to the NH DHHS and the NH DOE, the District has taken the following steps:

- The MVSD Facilities Director has been contacted. Custodial and maintenance crews will organize to perform a thorough cleaning of PES. Please know that typical daily cleaning processes are very comprehensive. Monday's cleaning will go above and beyond established COVID-19 cleaning and disinfecting protocols.
- All PES employees (teachers and support staff) will work remotely on Monday. All planned (remote) student interactions will still take place.

COVID-19 continues to circulate in our communities. People can protect themselves and help prevent further infections by:

- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoiding close contact with others. When outside your home, keep a distance of at least 6-feet between yourself and others. This is known as physical distancing.
- Wearing a cloth face covering that covers your mouth and nose to protect others when in public areas.
- Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Staying home if you have a fever or are not feeling well.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Daily screening, reporting, and communications
 - Families are required to log daily screenings using PickUp Patrol (PUP).

We are extraordinarily grateful for your continued support of our schools. Together, we can all help mitigate the spread of this virus. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your local school nurse or administration with any questions regarding screening or any COVID-19 protocols and expectations the District has in place.

Respectfully,

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