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Dear MMUUSD School Community,

First, I want to offer my sincere gratitude and appreciation to our nurses, administrators, teachers and education staff. Their commitment, effort and care have enabled us to keep our schools open for in-person learning this week under challenging and complicated conditions as COVID-19 cases increase in our nation, state, region and schools. Additionally, our staff have kept hundreds of students in school through the Test to Stay program, administered approximately **1300** PCR tests this week to students and staff and continue to contact trace positive cases. These measures take an enormous amount of time and commitment. We are doing everything we can to limit disruptions to students and families and keep school open for in-person instruction, however, we may not be able to maintain all these practices due to staffing shortages or extensive infection.

Currently, we are experiencing a notable increase in staff absences due to illness and the COVID-19 virus. Therefore, I must let you know that we need to be prepared for the possibility of closing schools or some classes for a period of time, modifying schedules and learning plans and pivot to remote learning if needed. I hope we are able to maintain consistent in-person learning, but this may not be possible with the rapid increase of COVID cases. We will do our best to give families/caregivers, staff and students as much advance notice as possible if and when changes to in-person learning need to occur.

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# Message from the Superintendent - Continued

## **Additional COVID-19 updates, as follows:**

The AOE has stated that there will be updates and revisions to Test to Stay, contact tracing, quarantining and PCR testing next week. We will continue to follow the current guidance offered by the AOE and VDH and update the school community as soon as we have new information from the state. This is anticipated as early as Monday, January 10, 2022.

We are at a dynamic point in this pandemic, so please pay close attention to information coming from the District or your student's school. I want to thank everyone for their patience, support and kindness.

Take care,  
John Alberghini

## Health Updates

### **Please Note:**

As schools experience an increase in COVID-19 cases, we are going to focus on offering essential communication and reducing the volume of emails to students, families/caregivers and staff. Therefore, MMUUSD schools will no longer send a letter sharing that there was a member of the learning community who tested positive for COVID-19. The District will offer a dashboard of cases by school. We hope to have the dashboard set up early next week and will share the link as soon as possible. The dashboard will be updated on Fridays.

### **New COVID-19 Guidelines:**

Recently, the State of Vermont has adjusted its COVID-19 guidelines for isolating and quarantining individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and close contacts that align with changes offered by the CDC. The Health Department has stated that schools should follow these guidelines immediately. We anticipate these will be adjusted by the state soon and we will inform the school community of any changes.

### **Test Positive for COVID? Or are considered a Close Contact? Now What?**

#### **Report Positive Test Results:**

- Please self-report all at-home positive antigen tests to the Vermont Department of Health:  
<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6507748/Vermont-COVID-19-Self-Test-Result-Reporting-Form>
- Contact your doctor to report any positive test result and to get advice.
- Call and/or email your school principal, school nurse and [covid@mmuusd.org](mailto:covid@mmuusd.org).

**Please note, a positive home antigen test does not require a follow-up PCR test.**



# Health Updates - Continued

## If you test positive for COVID:

### **Then do the following:**

- Stay home and isolate for 5 days. This means isolating from others in your home.
- You can leave your home after day 5 if:
  - You never had symptoms, or your symptoms have improved and you feel better
  - AND you have had no fever for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fevers
  - AND you wear a mask around others through day 10
  - AND, when possible, it is recommended that you have two negative antigen tests performed at least 24 hours apart beginning no earlier than day 4
  - Notify your close contacts that you have tested positive

**\*Testing is strongly recommended. If you are unable to get a test and you meet all other requirements you can end isolation after 5 days.**

Please see this important information from the Vermont Department of Health. <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/symptoms-sickness/what-do-if-you-test-positive-covid-19>

## **Notifying Close Contacts:**

Please notify all of your close contacts about the positive test. A close contact is a person who is within 6 feet or closer for 15 minutes or longer in a 24 hour period. For more information: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/symptoms-sickness/what-do-if-you-are-close-contact>.

The infectious period begins 2 days before the start of symptoms or 2 days before a positive test if there are no symptoms.

## **What to do if you are a close contact:**

If You:	Then Do The Following:
Had your booster shot <b>OR</b> Completed your Pfizer or Moderna vaccine series within the last 6 months <b>OR</b> Completed your Johnson & Johnson vaccine within the last 2 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wear a mask around other people for 10 days. You do not need to <u>quarantine</u>.</li><li>• A test on day 5 is recommended. If you test positive, follow the steps in <a href="#">What do do if you test positive for COVID-19</a>.</li><li>• If you develop symptoms at any time, get a test and stay home and away from others until you get your test results.</li></ul>

If You:	Then Do The Following:
Are not vaccinated <b>OR</b> Completed your Pfizer or Moderna vaccine series more than 6 months ago and have not had a booster shot <b>OR</b> Completed your Johnson & Johnson vaccine series more than 2 months ago and have not had a booster shot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stay home and <u>quarantine</u> for 5 days.</li><li>• You can leave your home on day 5 if:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ you have no symptoms</li><li>◦ AND had one negative PCR or LAMP test OR two negative antigen tests performed at least 24 hours apart beginning no earlier than day 4</li><li>◦ AND you wear a mask around others through day 10.</li><li>◦ AND, when possible, it is recommended that you have one negative PCR or LAMP test on or after day 5 or two negative antigen tests performed at least 24 hours apart beginning no earlier than day 4</li></ul></li><li>• If you test positive, follow <a href="#">What to do if you test positive for COVID-19</a> guidance</li><li>• If you develop symptoms at any time, get a test and <u>isolate</u> from others until you receive your test results.</li></ul>

# Health Updates - Continued

Here is important quarantine information from the Vermont Department of Health:  
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/symptoms-sickness/what-do-if-you-are-close-contact>

## Vaccine and Booster:

We strongly encourage anyone who is eligible and able to get vaccinated. And, consider getting your booster as soon as possible. It has been proven that taking these steps greatly reduce the spread of COVID-19 and the degree of sickness if infected.

## **Contact the Vermont Department of Health or your Medical Provider for Additional Guidance**

If you need additional guidance or assistance, please contact the Vermont Department of Health at 802-321-8330, Option 9.

# Curriculum & Innovation

## 2022-23 Preschool Registration Letter

Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District is excited to continue providing pre-kindergarten opportunities to families in our district. Please read this [LETTER](#) for more information about the pre-kindergarten options and deadlines if you are a resident of Bolton, Jericho, Huntington, Richmond or Underhill. The Universal Pre-K bill (Act 166) entitles all 3, 4 & 5 year olds (not attending kindergarten) to receive 10 hours per week of publicly funded Pre-K for 35 weeks. This education can be in any pre-qualified private program or home-based program with a tuition of \$3,656 paid to the provider by the school district. If a child attends a MMUUSD public school-based Pre-K, the program is free of charge. However, there may be a lottery for school-based programs.

## Interested in the Spanish Immersion Program?

The MMUUSD Spanish Immersion Program will be hosting two informational meetings. Please join us for an opportunity to learn about the option to enroll your rising Kindergartener in the Spanish Immersion Program at Jericho Elementary School and Richmond Elementary School. Teachers and administrations will be present to answer questions and share information.

### **WHEN:**

- February 10, 2022- 4:00 PM: Click [HERE](#) to join.
- February 16, 2022 - 7:00 PM: Click [HERE](#) to join.





# Winter Sports

- **Varsity Boys Basketball**

- 1/11, 7:00 PM vs. South Burlington- AWAY
- 1/14, 7:00 PM vs. Colchester - HOME
- 1/18, 7:00 PM vs. Rutland - AWAY
- 1/21, 6:30 PM vs. St. Johnsbury - HOME
- 1/25, 7:30 PM vs. BFA St. Albans - AWAY

- **Varsity Girls Basketball**

- 1/10, 7:30 PM vs. Essex - AWAY
- 1/13, 7:00 PM vs. Rice - HOME
- 1/17, 7:00 PM vs. BFA St. Albans- HOME
- 1/20, 7:00 PM vs. CVU - HOME
- 1/24, 7:00 PM vs. Burlington- AWAY

- **Boys Hockey**

- 1/8, 7:00 PM vs. Lyndon Institute - Fenton Chester
- 1/10, 6:00 PM vs. Northfield - HOME
- 1/15, 4:30 PM vs. U32 - Central VT Civic Center
- 1/22, 7:15 PM vs. Stowe- AWAY
- 1/24, 6:30 PM vs. U32- HOME

- **Girls Hockey (HOME games are played @ Cairns)**

- 1/8, 4:20 PM vs. Middlebury - HOME
- 1/12, 5:10PM vs. BCHS - HOME
- 1/15, 6:40 PM vs. South Burlington - AWAY
- 1/22, 3:00 PM vs. ESSEX - AWAY
- 1/26, 6:30 PM vs. Spaulding - HOME

- **Nordic Skiing**

- 1/6, 3:00 PM- Tour de Chittenden- Day 1- Colchester HS
- 1/8, 10:00 AM - Tour de Chittenden - Day 2- Jericho Range
- 1/10, 3:00 PM- Tour de Chittenden- Day 3 - Cochran's
- 1/13- Sleepy Hollow
- 1/17, 2:00 PM- Rikert Nordic Center

- **Indoor Track**

- 1/8, 8:00 AM - Open Meet @ UVM
- 1/15, 8:00 AM- Open Meet at UVM - NE Qualifier

- **Alpine Skiing**

- 1/6, 10:00 AM - Smugglers Notch
- 1/10, 10:00 AM - Middlebury
- 1/17, 10:00 AM - Burke Mountain

- **Dance Team**

- 1/8, 1/15, 1, 22- Virtual Competitions
- 1/29 - SBHS - 1:00 PM



## IMPORTANT DATES:

### Important Date Reminders:

- 1/12/2022- Early Release/Staff Prof. Development
- 1/17/2022- Staff Professional Development- NO SCHOOL
- 2/9/2022- Early Release/ Staff Prof. Development
- 2/21-2/28- School Recess

## We want to hear from you!

An open line of communication is what we are striving for here at MMUUSD! If you have any ideas, feedback, or just something you'd like to share with us, please email: **Jenna Stewart** at [jenna.stewart@mmuusd.org](mailto:jenna.stewart@mmuusd.org)

## COVID-19 Resources:

- [CDC Requirements for Public Transportation](#)
- [Instructional Reopening for Fall 2021](#)
- [Vermont Department of Health Guidance](#)
- [Child Care and Out of School Programs](#)
- [CDC Recommendations for Reopening Schools](#)
- [American Academy of Pediatrics](#)
- [Proper Handwashing Video](#)



## WE'RE HIRING!

- Long Term Sub- Math- MMUHS
- Kitchen Support- MMUHS
- Accountant - District
- Long Term Sub- Speech and Language - District
- Long Term Sub- Early Childhood Special Educator- District
- Full Time Mechanic - District

For all open positions, click [HERE](#).

## Important School Links

- [School Opening Plan](#)
- [Academic Calendar](#)
- [Lunch Menus](#)
- [Transportation](#)



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