



Griswold Public Schools

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Notice: Updates from the DPH & Connecticut State Department of Education

Dear Griswold Public Schools:

The Connecticut Department of Public Health has advised school districts throughout Connecticut that COVID-19 transmission rates have been steadily increasing and that we should expect to see more cases of COVID-19 affecting students and staff in our schools in the coming weeks due to recent holiday gatherings and travel associated with school break weeks. In addition to the measures our district already has in place in our schools to help reduce COVID-19 risks (e.g., increased ventilation, standard cleaning protocols, etc.), during this time of increased community transmission we are also asking our staff, students, and families to help us reduce the potential COVID-19 risks in our schools even further over the next several weeks by:

- Staying home if you feel unwell** and especially if you are experiencing any symptoms that could be caused by COVID-19, including: Fever or chills; cough; difficulty breathing; fatigue/tiredness; muscle or body aches; headache; loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; and/or diarrhea.
- Testing for COVID-19** either using an at-home test kit or at a pharmacy or other testing site if you:
 - feel unwell or have any symptoms that could be associated with COVID-19; or
 - have had an exposure to someone suspected of having COVID-19; or
 - have recently traveled out of state using public transportation (e.g., air, train, bus); or
 - have attended any large group events (e.g., concerts, weddings or similar events, etc.)
- Contacting the school nurse and [following isolation guidance](#)** if you test positive for COVID-19, including remaining away from school activities for at least 5 days and the recommendation to wear a mask when returning for an additional 5 days.
- [Following quarantine guidance](#)** as appropriate for your vaccination status if you have a close contact with someone with COVID-19 either inside or outside of your household.
- Getting vaccinated** for COVID-19 if you have not done so already and getting a booster vaccine dose if you are eligible. For COVID-19 vaccine information and scheduling visit <https://portal.ct.gov/Vaccine-Portal>.

- Opting to wear a mask** when you are around other people especially if you are not feeling well; are advised to do so based on isolation or quarantine recommendations; you are at-risk for severe COVID-19 complications; and/or you feel more comfortable wearing a mask at this time.

We continue to have a supply of COVID-19 self-test kits that we can make available to any faculty and staff and parents upon request. Please contact our school offices directly to arrange to pick-up test kits, or should you need additional guidance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean P. McKenna". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Sean P. McKenna,
Superintendent of Schools