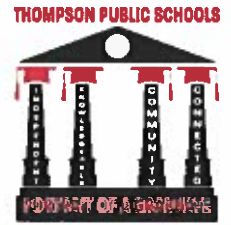




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Dear Thompson Families,

Thompson Public Schools continue to experience an increase in positive COVID-19 cases among faculty and staff. I am writing to remind everyone that it is the responsibility of parents to keep children home from school if they have any symptoms related to COVID-19. This will help keep our school environment healthy and reduce the number of students, faculty, and staff that must quarantine. Additionally, a direct exposure to COVID-19 at this time may interrupt upcoming family holiday celebrations, which can be avoided if everyone adheres to the mitigation strategies currently in place, especially keeping a sick child home.

Please review the list of COVID-19 symptoms below and be sure your child is not exhibiting any of the symptoms each day prior to leaving for school. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact your child's school nurse.

All school offices will close at noon on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 except Mary R. Fisher Elementary School, which will close at 1:00pm. Students will dismiss early on 12/22/21. All classes for preschool through grade twelve will resume on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Below is the list of COVID-19 symptoms for which everyone should monitor in their family members:

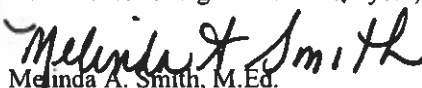
- Fever (100.4° Fahrenheit or higher)
- Chills or shaking chills
- Uncontrolled new cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell

The district will be posting the updated Thompson *Public Schools Safe Return to School to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan* on Wednesday, December 22, 2021. The plan must be revised every six months to comply with Connecticut Department of Education requirements.

A parent forum will be held to review changes in the plan and answer any questions you may have on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 6:00 pm. In addition, a ZOOM link with a copy of the revised document will be emailed to you early next week. Guidelines regarding COVID-19 are continuously changing, and everyone must understand the protocols currently in place in Thompson Public Schools.

I sincerely hope that the number of COVID-19 cases will subside by the end of January. Be sure to review the community flyers sent home each Thursday afternoon as they may include information about local COVID-19 vaccine clinics.

Best wishes for a great 2022 new year,


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