



WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Superintendent of Schools

DISTRICT COVID-19 UPDATE

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Dear Westwood Families:

I am writing to share an update about the district's ongoing efforts to keep our community safe and healthy. I'm sure you have seen recent news reports of additional COVID-19 exposure in Massachusetts as well as diagnosed cases in nearby communities. We are continuing to work closely with local and state agencies in determining the best approaches for preventing the spread of the virus.

Most importantly, please know that over the weekend all of our buildings and buses were thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

While the MA Department of Public Health and CDC are key agencies, accurate local on the ground information is often quicker and more efficient. We are asking all families and staff members to continue to keep us informed of potential exposures and symptomatic illness. By working together, we can help keep our schools as safe as possible. Your assistance will allow us to make quick decisions and prioritize resources effectively.

If you or anyone in your family has travelled recently to (or through) China, Italy, South Korea, Iran or Japan, please call the District Offices at 781-326-7500 x1340 and notify the Superintendent's Office.

If you believe you or anyone in your family has had contact with an individual who has been exposed to COVID-19, please call the MA Department of Public Health at 617-983-6500 and your school's nurse.

The District will continue to provide accurate and timely updates this week and appreciates that Westwood is a community that works together on behalf of all our residents.

Sincerely,

Emily J. Parks
Superintendent