

March 25, 2021

Dear BES Community,

Good afternoon, contact tracing is now complete. At this point, anyone considered a close contact has been notified. If you were not notified, that is good news, you are not considered a close contact by the Vermont Department of Health. If you have concerns about your own health, we urge you to speak with your primary care physician.

We have made the decision for the sixth grades **only** to remain in remote learning. As children receive negative test results after seven days of quarantine or finish their 14 day quarantine per health department guidelines, they may return to in-person instruction. Please stay in touch with your school principal or your school nurse as to your situation.

We are asking you all to remain vigilant in monitoring yourselves for COVID symptoms. If you have symptoms, we urge you to reach out to your physician to discuss being tested for COVID. If there are more cases we want to know, and we ask that you keep us informed. Our ability to work together for the greater good of all who live within these towns, is more important than ever before.

Please remember:

- Wear your mask
- Limit contact and avoid gathering with anyone outside of your household
- Follow travel and gathering guidelines
- Get tested if you've been to a social gathering or exposed to COVID-19.

Continue to stress these ideas with your children when they are in and out of school. We appreciate the flexibility and hard-work of all the students, teachers, staff, and parents as we work together to get through this. I appreciate you and thank you, as a parent of school-age children, I know how hard it is to balance it all through this pandemic. If you have question please contact me or your school nurse.

Sincerely,

Bruce Williams

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