

Dear Parents, Guardians and Simsbury School Staff:

The district is updating some of our COVID protocols, effective today, as advised by the Farmington Valley Health District. These protocols are outlined below.

Quarantine Period:

- Any student or staff member identified as a close contact due to a school exposure, quarantine is now 10 days. Definitions of close contacts remain the same.
- If a student or staff member is a close contact due to a household exposure, the 14 day quarantine will remain in effect.

Travel:

- Travel quarantines are now recommendations and not requirements. Quarantine and testing are not required for return from travel. Of course, if anyone is experiencing symptoms, they are asked to stay home and follow previously communicated protocols.

Vaccinated Individuals: Effective Immediately

- Individuals who are two weeks after their second dose of vaccine are considered fully vaccinated. Fully vaccinated individuals, as long as they are symptom-free, do not have to quarantine if they are deemed a close contact.

We have updated our [COVID Dashboard](#) for the period of March 12 through March 18. The current dashboard includes 1 student at Tootin' Hills School, 1 student at Henry James Memorial School and 1 staff member in the BOE Administrative Office. The 3 cases this week are an increase from the 2 positive cases reported last week. We have updated the CT Learning Model Indicator chart on our website for the two week period ending March 13, 2021. The FVHD data for this reporting period is 13.0 cases per 100,000 in population, with 8.6 cases per 100,000 in Simsbury.

Going forward we will continue to update our COVID Dashboard and the CT Learning Model Indicator chart each Friday. I will discontinue sending a weekly update with these statistics. Individual schools will still inform staff and families when there is a positive case in their school. Next week I will provide an update on our 2021-22 budget and capital projects. I hope our students enjoyed their day off.

Regards,

Matt Curtis
Superintendent of Schools