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**Summary: Statement from KRSD Nurses Regarding Contact Tracing Over Remote Learning Transition**

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Dear Kearsarge Community:

As we prepare for the two week transition of all Kearsarge students to ***At Home: Remote Learning*** beginning November 30, 2020 through December 14, 2020, we wanted to thank our community for the continuing support and dedication to student and staff safety demonstrated during the COVID-19 pandemic. Without your efforts, it is likely the district would struggle to continue to be able to provide ***At School: Remote Learning*** as the school year progresses. As such, we would request that you read the following statement from the district's school nurses:

*Dear Kearsarge Community,*

*The cases of COVID-19 have been steadily increasing in Merrimack County and NH overall. Contrary to the recent media coverage, the school nurses have confirmed that COVID-19 cases affecting students in school, and all cases in children under 18, will receive priority when contact tracing is needed. School nurses will continue to work in partnership with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to initiate contact tracing for cases within our schools.*

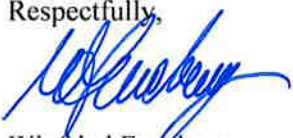
*We ask for your continued support in keeping our schools and our community healthy over the transition to ***At Home: Remote Learning***. Please continue to screen your children for symptoms of COVID-19 and keep them home even with mild symptoms. Additionally, we ask that you contact your school nurse via email or phone for any of the following:*


- Your child is ill and/or receives a positive test for COVID-19*
- A positive case arises in your household, as this would require the student to quarantine.*
- You become aware or are notified that your child was in contact with someone that is confirmed positive with COVID-19 and will need to quarantine.*

*The district nurses work closely with DHHS and can help families answer COVID-19 questions. We will continue to provide support during the remote learning time period. Thank you for your assistance in helping us support the health and wellbeing of the district and the communities we serve.*

As noted above, we remain grateful for your assistance in helping us to create and maintain safe, high quality, and equitable learning environment for our students. Please enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday and know that we remain thankful for your support and trust as we continue to address the challenges of COVID-19.

Respectfully,

  
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