

CHEVERUS

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Dear Cheverus Community,

Following today's announcement from the Mills' Administration shifting Cumberland County into a "Yellow" categorization, I'm writing to explain what this news means for Cheverus. According to the Maine Department of Education a "Yellow" categorization "suggests that that the county has an elevated risk of COVID-19 spread and that schools may consider additional precautions and/or hybrid instructional models as a way to reduce the number of people in schools and classrooms at any one time."

As you may remember from our communications back in the summer, Cheverus has been in a hybrid instructional model since the beginning of the school year. The COVID protocols we currently have in place were designed to function in both Green and Yellow categorizations. With the reduction of student desks in each classroom and the use of our gym for overflow students, our campus affords us the space to be in a hybrid instructional model and accommodate students who choose to study at home for any reason.

In a Yellow categorization, the DOE recommends that schools "suspend extracurricular or co-curricular activities including competitions between schools." Therefore, all Athletic practices, club meetings, games and performances - including those scheduled for over the Christmas Break - have been cancelled until we move back into a Green categorization.

We will assess our categorization and any further impacts on our school community before we return from the Christmas Break. In the meantime, we wish all of you a Merry Christmas, a restful and safe holiday season, and a Blessed New Year!

Peace,
John Moran