



March 23, 2021

Dear Cheverus Students and Parents,

I'm writing to inform you that another member of our community has tested positive for COVID-19. Because we have been in remote learning since Friday, March 12, we will not need to conduct on-campus contact-tracing.

We are at an inflection point in this pandemic. Many of our faculty and staff have received their first or second doses of the vaccine. This is a source of great hope and optimism. However, the virus has not been eliminated and there are many in our community who remain vulnerable. People under 20 are one of the fastest growing groups of positive COVID-19 cases in Maine. We must continue to be vigilant in our health and safety protocols - both on and off campus. The decisions we make as individuals have an impact on others.

Our Athletic department is gearing up for spring sports. My administrative team is making plans for a Senior Prom in May and Graduation events the first weekend in June. As these last two weeks have reminded us, these are precious moments that can be taken away by this virus if we are not careful. Now more than ever we need to be united in our fight against COVID-19.

As I informed you last week, we are currently in "outbreak status" according to the Maine CDC, and we need to go 28 consecutive days without a positive case in order to get out of this status. We still plan to open our doors this Friday and welcome students back to campus for in-person learning. However, in order for our doors to stay open we need everyone's help to prevent further community-based infections.

In this effort, I feel compelled to remind everyone about the basics of our protocols:

- Wear a mask whenever you are indoors with people beyond your immediate family and in public places of any kind
- Stay home when you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 - regardless of what is happening at school or after-school that day
- Refrain from traveling or hosting visitors from beyond the states Maine has designated as safe; follow quarantining requirements if you must travel outside of these regions
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly

With the upcoming Easter holiday and April vacation, being mindful of these protocols is as critical as it was when we entered the Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. If you and your family are planning to travel over the upcoming holiday/break, we would ask that you fill out this [Travel Information Form](#) so that our administration and school nurse can help advise you regarding any necessary protocols. Your travel information will be kept confidential. For more information regarding the Maine's travel restrictions, go to <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/>

Lent is a time of reflection and renewal. Let's renew our commitment to one another. Let's renew our commitment to fighting this virus at all times. Let's finish this school year with the same caution and care we've exhibited throughout this pandemic. You and our whole community are in my prayers.

Peace,

John Moran