

CHEVERUS

September 15, 2021

Dear Cheverus Community,

Over the past few days we have been monitoring and reporting on several COVID-19 cases in our community. We are not alone in this work as evidenced by [yesterday's report](#) that nearly half of all current cases in Maine are individuals under 20 years old. So far we have one case confirmed as positive with a PCR test, and we are awaiting the results of PCR tests taken by several other students with symptoms.

Due to this recent rise in COVID-19 activity in our community, it seems prudent to postpone tomorrow's Back-to-School Night for Parents; we have rescheduled and hope to host this event next month on Thursday, October 14. Instead tomorrow night (Thursday, 9/16) we will host a [Zoom meeting at 6:00pm](#) open to all parents to update you on our latest COVID-19 prevention protocols and allow for some time for fellowship.

With these new cases we have received some questions about quarantining and remote learning. The good news is that because of our high vaccination rate (see below) and our mask mandate, only a fraction of the students who have been identified as close contacts are being required to quarantine this year. That said, we have constructed some [guidelines for determining if and when a student will be allowed to study remotely and the expectations for students and teachers in such situations](#).

I'm happy to report that currently 81.5% of our student body is vaccinated. When we combine this with our faculty & staff (100% vaccinated), the Cheverus school community is 85.5% vaccinated. For comparison, the vaccination rate for Ages 12+ in Cumberland county is 84% and in York county is 77%.

On Tuesday 88 students, faculty and staff participated in our first round of pool testing. It's not too late to sign up if you are interested in having your Cheverus student(s) participate in our pool testing program. [Click here](#) to learn more about the benefits of pool testing and how it works.

[Click here](#) to sign up for your Cheverus student(s) to participate in pool testing.

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Please join me in praying for those individuals and families impacted by this most recent wave of COVID-19 cases. Please continue to wash your hands, wear masks in public spaces, and make safe choices about where and how you spend time outside of school. Thank you for continuing to do your part to keep Cheverus safe, healthy, and in-person.

Peace,

John Moran