



## Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District

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Good Afternoon DY Families,

Happy New Year! It is our plan to resume in-person classes on Monday, January 11, 2021. The positivity rate of COVID-19 has fallen below state average and it appears our numbers are going in a good direction.

We know that in-person classes are important, but we can only make this possible with your support. Here are the guidelines that you are required to follow to ensure the safety of our students and staff:

- If you traveled over the holidays, please contact your school nurse to provide us with information about your travel for guidance on the return to school.
- Remember to follow the current travel order for Massachusetts. Here is the link to the state's website that outlines these orders: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order>
- If your child/family has been with anyone outside of the immediate family living in your home in the last ten days, please consider remaining quarantined for at least ten days and share this information with the school nurse.
- If your child has been a close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please keep your child home for fourteen days since the contact and notify the school nurse.
- If your child or someone in your household is waiting for results from a COVID-19 test, please keep your child home and contact the school nurse.

Please assist us by doing the daily home screening as outlined below.

**Daily Home Screening for Students:** Check your child daily for signs of illness. Please check your child's temperature every day before school. ***If your child has any of the following symptoms, or is close contact with a positive Covid-19 case, DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL, and inform the school nurse.***

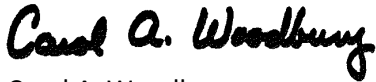
- ☐ Temperature of 100.0 or higher
- ☐ Cough (*not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough*)
- ☐ Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- ☐ A new loss of taste or smell
- ☐ Sore throat
- ☐ Headache (*when in combination with other symptoms*)
- ☐ Muscle aches or body aches
- ☐ Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- ☐ Fatigue (*when in combination with other symptoms*)
- ☐ Nasal congestion or runny nose (*not due to other known cause, such as allergies*)
- ☐ Close contact (*within 6 feet for 10-15 minutes*) to a positive COVID19 case
- ☐ Traveled to a state designated as high risk (per MA travel advisory)

We strongly encourage you to reach out to your individual school nurse if anything changes in your household. The best way to prevent in school transmission is through transparency and information sharing with your school nurse. This

helps us to ensure the safety, of not only your child, but other students and staff. These strategies along with masking, hand-washing, and physical distancing will ensure we can keep school open for in-person learning.

We appreciate your support and honesty during this difficult situation. We know how important it is to get back to in-person learning for those who have chosen it. However, we will continue to review the spread of the virus daily and should we have any indication of in-school spread we will pivot immediately back to remote.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol A. Woodbury". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Carol A. Woodbury  
Superintendent of Schools