

April 7, 2021

Greetings Monadnock Community!

### **Return to Full, In-Person Learning**

Last night, the Board voted to return to full, in-person instruction beginning on **May 3, 2021**, and submit a [letter of intent](#) to the Department of Education notifying them of this decision. Operationally, there are quite a few things that we will need to accomplish before then, but there is no doubt in my mind that we will be ready to roll as scheduled.

Families, you have the option to either have your child(ren) return to full, in-person learning OR continue with remote support. If you completed the survey that collected this information within the past two weeks and your selection has not changed, your selection has already been recorded. **If you wish to change your selection, or you did not complete the survey, you must contact your child(ren)'s school to do so no later than Monday, April 19th, 2021.** Please note the following:

- **If your child(ren) will be attending full, in-person** starting May 3, 2021, they will need to remain in-person for the duration of the school year. In the event of illness or extenuating circumstances, a shift to remote support may be permitted.
- **If your child(ren) will be continuing with remote support** starting May 3, 2021, they may return to in-person at any time for the duration of the school year. Once they return to in-person, they must remain in-person for the duration of the school year. In the event of illness or extenuating circumstances, a shift to remote support may be permitted.

### **Transportation**

We continue to encourage families to transport their children to school if possible. This will ensure that we are able to maintain appropriate social distancing on our busses. If you are planning to have your child(ren) ride the bus and they have not already been riding the bus this year, you must contact First Student to ensure they are aware. They can be reached at 603-352-2303.

### **Contact Tracing**

The Board also voted to follow current NH DHHS guidance regarding schools and COVID-19 with one exception. We will continue to handle positive cases within our schools in the manner we have been up to this point. Within our schools, close contact will continue to be defined as **'less than 6 feet for 10 cumulative minutes over a 48 hour period'** regardless of mask usage. Individuals who have close contact with a positive case within our schools will need to quarantine. We will also continue the notification process for school communities when we have a positive case.

## Domestic Travel

There are no longer travel restrictions for **domestic** travel only - international or cruise ship travel continues to have restrictions. If you do travel, be sure to check to see if there are any restrictions in place at your destination. The travel guidance is [HERE](#), and a summary chart is provided below.

### Travel Quarantine Summary

Symptom/Test Status	Traveled internationally or by cruise ship	No Travel or Travel within the U.S.
<b>New or unexplained symptoms of COVID-19</b>	<p>Isolate and get tested immediately.</p> <p>If negative the person can return to normal activities once they are at least 24 hours without a fever (off fever-reducing medications) and other symptoms are improving, AND one of the following criteria apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Person is at least 14 days beyond completion of COVID-19 vaccination, <u>or</u> person previously tested positive for active COVID-19 in the prior 90 days</li> <li>2. Person completes 10 day of <a href="#">self-quarantine</a> starting from last day of travel</li> <li>3. Travel was “essential travel” to/from Canada*</li> <li>4. Person ends quarantine after day 7 with a negative SARS-CoV-2 molecular test (e.g., PCR-based test) collected on day 6-7 of quarantine (Note: If person was tested before days 6-7 of quarantine due to symptoms and was negative, then a second test on day 6-7 is still required to end quarantine after 7 days.)</li> </ol>	<p>Isolate and get tested immediately.</p> <p>If negative the person can return to normal activities after at least 24 hours without a fever (off fever reducing medications) and other symptoms are improving.</p>
<b>No symptoms (Asymptomatic)</b>	<p><a href="#">Self-Quarantine</a> for 10 days from last day of travel (unless travel was “essential travel” to/from Canada*, person is at least 14 days beyond full COVID-19 vaccination, or person previously tested positive for active COVID-19 in the prior 90 days)</p> <p>Person has the option of ending quarantine after day 7 with a negative SARS-CoV-2 molecular test (e.g., PCR-based test) collected on day 6-7 of quarantine</p>	No restrictions
<b>Positive Test for COVID-19</b>	<a href="#">Self-Isolate</a>	<a href="#">Self-Isolate</a>

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child(ren)’s school - or you can contact me directly as well. Thank you for your continued support and collective efforts throughout this past year. We are excited to welcome all of our students back in a few weeks!

Be well and stay safe!

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