



NEWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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As a school district, the health and safety of students and staff is our top priority. We are continually monitoring COVID-19 in the community and its impact on our schools.

Compared to previous years, this school year has seen an increased number of student and staff absences. COVID-19 has played a role in the increase. There are a number of ways we can work together to mitigate this spread. We ask our families to consider the well-being of their children as well as others, and refrain from sending students to school when they are ill. We also urge our staff members to get vaccinated if they are able. And, all individuals are strongly encouraged to follow CDC recommendations for public health, including masking.

This is the third school year affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we have learned much about what steps are most effective for the health and safety of students and staff. We believe it is important for each of us to do what we can to support one another so that we can keep moving forward in a positive education environment.

Yours truly,

Tom Messinger, Superintendent

Newton Community School District