

December 11, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Simsbury Public Schools Staff:

I hope you and your families are well as we move into the final week and a half of school for 2020. Certainly this is not a year that will be missed by many of us, but I have been encouraged by our community's willingness to work collectively through this challenging time! Again, I want to thank you and our students for their continued adherence to our protocols which have resulted in no person to person COVID spread in our school buildings.

I continue to meet weekly with the Farmington Valley Health District (FVHD) and area superintendents to discuss and review the area COVID data. We have updated the CT Learning Model Indicator chart on our website for the two week period ending December 5, 2020. The FVHD data for this reporting period is 27 cases per 100,000. With 23 cases per 100,000 in population in Simsbury, the recommendation from the health department continues to support our current models of instruction. The district will continue to move forward with our full in-person model at the elementary and middle school level, and the hybrid model at Simsbury High School next week. Please take a moment to scroll down to the second tab [FVHD School Learning Model Indicators](#) on our Coronavirus Update webpage.

For the week of December 21, 22, and 23 we will temporarily transition to full remote learning. This will help to alleviate recent staffing challenges and limit contact tracing prior to the well deserved holiday recess. This decision was made in conjunction with the Farmington Valley Health District and includes multiple districts in our area. The Simsbury Public Schools will resume with our full in-person model at the elementary and middle school level, and the hybrid model at Simsbury High School on January 4.

We have updated our [COVID Dashboard](#) for the period of December 4 through December 10. During this time period 2 staff members and 6 student positive cases were reported. These cases include 2 students at SHS, 1 student at Central School, 1 student at Latimer Lane School, 1 student at Squadron Line School and 1 student at Tariffville School. The total of 8 cases this week is a slight dip from last week when the district communicated 12 positive cases.

On a call this week with the CT Department of Health I was informed that the CT COVID website now includes a section relative to vaccinations. We have added this to our Coronavirus Update webpage under the third tab.

If anyone in your home is [symptomatic for COVID-19](#) and awaiting test results, please do not send your child to in-person learning. Please keep your child home until test results are received. Additionally, please contact your school nurse as soon as possible if your child receives a positive COVID test result. Thank you again for your support and be well.

Regards,

Matt Curtis
Superintendent of Schools