

January 29, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Simsbury Public Schools Staff:

I am encouraged by the recent decrease in positive cases being reported at the state level. As of Wednesday the 7 day rolling average is the lowest that has been reported since the middle November. The Farmington Valley Health district community numbers have also declined from 37 cases per 100,000 residents to 28 cases per 100,000 residents.

For this reporting period in Simsbury we have seen an increase in the number of community members testing positive. However amongst our school staff and students we have seen a decline in the number of individuals testing positive. We continue to monitor the data and work closely with our partners at the Farmington Valley Health District (FVHD), with whom we meet weekly. With regard to the COVID variants being reported, we are being advised that the appropriate course of action is to stay committed and focused on the mitigation strategies we have put in place since the onset of our return to school.

We have updated our [COVID Dashboard](#) for the period of January 22 through January 28. The current dashboard includes 1 staff member and 5 student cases as reported. These cases include 1 staff member at Central School, 3 students at Central School and 2 students at Simsbury High School. The total of 6 cases this week is a decrease from last week when 9 positive cases were reported.

We have updated the CT Learning Model Indicator chart on our website for the two week period ending January 23, 2021. The FVHD data for this reporting period is 28 cases per 100,000, with 31 cases per 100,000 in population in Simsbury. As we're seeing minor fluctuations in positivity rates, we will continue with our current instructional models. Please take a moment to scroll down to the second tab [FVHD School Learning Model Indicators](#) on our Coronavirus Update webpage.

If there is a household member being tested for COVID **and** they are experiencing any symptom(s), all household members should remain home until the test results have been received. If there is a household member being tested for COVID and they are **not** experiencing any symptoms (i.e., quarantined for travel, deemed a close contact, medical procedure preparation) other household members may continue to come to school. Additionally, please contact your school nurse as soon as possible if your child receives a positive COVID test result. Thank you for your continued support of our protocols.

Regards,

Matt Curtis
Superintendent of Schools