

Dear Parents, Guardians and Simsbury School Staff:

Congratulations to the students and staff at Simsbury High School on the return of all students who are opting for in-person learning! Fittingly, students were welcomed back on Tuesday to the strains of Kool and the Gang's "Celebration!" In one of the best moments of the school year. Just short of 1000 students were in attendance across the four grades, and teachers shared happy stories about students from opposite cohorts who had not physically been in the same space in almost a year. Of course, the great weather helped in getting more students outside during lunch periods, and our hope is for that trend to continue in the weeks ahead (with the tents scheduled to return on April 1st). Trust me, it was fabulous to witness such high energy at SHS once again!

The Farmington Valley Health District continues to vaccinate our education employees. Between last Saturday and tomorrow more than 1,400 educators in the valley will have received their first dose of the vaccine. A third clinic is scheduled on March 20. Second vaccinations will occur in April.

We have updated our [COVID Dashboard](#) for the period of March 5 through March 11. The current dashboard includes 2 students at Tootin' Hills School. The 2 cases this week is a decrease from the 3 positive cases reported last week. We have updated the CT Learning Model Indicator chart on our website for the two week period ending March 6, 2021. The FVHD data for this reporting period is 9.1 cases per 100,000 in population, with 7.4 cases per 100,000 in Simsbury.

Tomorrow marks one year since we closed schools due to the pandemic. The resilience of our students and faculty during this period cannot be overlooked. As we look forward to longer, warmer sunny days ahead I hope we can soon reestablish old routines.

Regards,

Matt Curtis
Superintendent of Schoolss