

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Simsbury Public Schools Staff:

We were notified today of a student in the Squadron Line School community who has tested positive for COVID-19. The student was last in school on Friday, November 6. In following our protocol, we immediately contacted the Farmington Valley Health District to collaboratively assess the case. The students in this child's classroom have been sent home for the remainder of the day, and will engage in distance learning through Friday, November 20. Contact tracing was completed for this incident. Those determined to be close contacts were sent home to begin their quarantine. We connected with those who have been determined to be a close contact with the COVID-19 positive member of the school community. If you have not been notified at this point, it means that, as a result of contact tracing, you are not considered to have been in close contact with a confirmed case.

Separately, our school nurses have been in communication with a family who has been in quarantine due to a positive COVID-19 case within the household. Unfortunately, three Squadron Line students in that family have now tested positive. However, they have not been in school for two weeks. As a result the Farmington Valley Health Department has advised us that there is no need to conduct further contact tracing and no additional members of the Squadron Line community are required to quarantine for this case.

We continue to consult regularly with the Farmington Valley Health District and while we have seen an uptick in cases in the past week, we have seen no evidence of community spread within our schools. At this time, the remainder of students at Squadron Line School and all other schools in the district will continue to be open.

As a reminder, it is imperative that staff complete daily health assessments before coming to school. Should anyone feel ill, please stay home. Further, should anyone in our school community test positive for COVID-19 or come in close contact with someone who has, it is critical for everyone's health and safety to inform your school nurse immediately.

Sincerely,

Matt Curtis
Superintendent of Schools