

November 5, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Simsbury Public Schools Staff:

We were notified today of three COVID-19 cases. In following our protocol, we immediately contacted the Farmington Valley Health District to collaboratively assess the situation. A student in the Tootin' Hills School community has tested positive for COVID-19. The student was last in school on Thursday, October 29. The students in this child's classroom have been sent home for the remainder of the day, and will engage in distance learning through Thursday, November 12. At this time, the remainder of students at Tootin' Hills School will continue to attend school as scheduled.

Additionally, we were notified of siblings at Henry James Middle School and Simsbury High School who have tested positive for COVID-19. Contact tracing was completed at both HJMS and SHS. Those determined to be close contacts were sent home to begin their quarantine. **If you are a member of the HJMS or SHS community and 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.** The unaffected students and staff at HJMS and SHS will continue to attend school as scheduled.

As a reminder, it is imperative that parents, guardians, and 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