

October 22, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Simsbury Public Schools Staff:

The district was notified today of a student in the Henry James Memorial School community who has tested positive for COVID-19. The student was last in school on Friday, October 16. In following our protocol, we immediately contacted the Farmington Valley Health District to collaboratively assess the case. In order to give us time to complete the contact tracing process in conjunction with FVHD, we have made the determination that the students on the green team will engage in remote learning tomorrow, Friday, October 23. The unaffected teams at HJMS will continue to attend school as scheduled.

The Farmington Valley Health District and the school administration began contact tracing this afternoon. Officials will connect with those who have been determined to be a close contact with the COVID-19 positive member of the school community. If you are not notified by the Farmington Valley Health District or the school administration, it means that, as a result of contact tracing, you are not considered to have been in close contact with a confirmed case.

We have yet to make a determination about a date for full-in person learning for the green team. Principal Baker will communicate with the HJMS community on Monday about the plans for next week.

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