



# SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT FIFTY SIX

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Dear Families and Caregivers,

As students and staff have settled into the school year, the school district's COVID-19 Response Management Team (CRMT) has been meeting weekly to monitor the impact of the health pandemic on our schools. I want to thank all students and families for your support and adherence to the illness management protocols we have put in place. To date, we have avoided any outbreaks which is an indication that our illness management protocols are helping to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. As a result, we are continuing to meet our goal of keeping our schools open for in-person learning.

Attached you will find a revised COVID-19 Illness Management Protocols sheet. After discussion by the CRMT, we will now **accept the results of home tests to determine if a student has COVID-19**. We understand that testing in local medical offices and pharmacies can be challenging so the CRMT felt that allowing home test results would be helpful for families. However, if you are not able to access testing at home, attached you will find information about local testing locations.

The acceptance of home testing results is the only change in our Illness Management Protocols; all other established protocols remain in place.

I want to take this opportunity to remind families to not send your children to school if they are showing new or unexplained symptoms of COVID-19. If you have any questions about this, please contact the nurse at your child's school.

I would also ask that families have a plan in place to transport your child from school if your child starts to display symptoms at school. All families should have a plan to make sure their child can be picked up.

Lastly, the Strafford County Public Health Network continues to make opportunities available for students to get vaccinated. Please see the attached information if you would like your child to take advantage of this opportunity.

Sincerely,

  
Lori Lane  
Superintendent of Schools

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