

COMMUNITY LETTER FROM SAD #46/AOS#94 SUPERINTENDENT – Kevin T. Jordan

DATE: September 20, 2021

RE: COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES IN SAD #46

This letter is to inform you that six (6) individuals associated with SAD #46 have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last few days. Based on contact tracing it was determined that one hundred one (101) individuals were found to be close contacts. Based on Universal Masking Guidelines in place and vaccinations, fifty (50) individuals are now in quarantine. Crystal Greaves and Angie Buker have contacted all students and staff who may be impacted. We have taken steps with our response team to follow Maine CDC and DOE guidelines to notify staff and students as appropriate. We believe it best to share what we can with our entire community.

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that ranges from mild to severe. It can be more severe in adults 60 years and older and in those with underlying health conditions. The virus mainly spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes and an uninfected person breathes in the virus. Signs and symptoms include:

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| ●fever / chills | ●new loss of taste / smell |
| ●cough | ●congestion / runny nose |
| ●shortness of breath / difficulty breathing | ●nausea / vomiting |
| ●fatigue | ●diarrhea |
| ●muscle / body aches | ●sore throat |
| ●headache | |

Please keep in mind that many things can cause respiratory illness, so students (and staff) should be up-to-date on influenza and routine vaccinations.

Maine CDC recommends prevention measures to help control the spread of COVID-19. These measures include proper handwashing with soap and warm water, which is especially important after using the bathroom, before / after eating, after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. When soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands and avoid close contact with people who are sick. Cover your cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

General questions regarding COVID-19 can be answered by calling 1-866-811-5695, you can text your zip code to 898-211, or email at info@211maine.org or by calling your primary care provider. More information can be found at www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Questions for the school can be directed to the superintendent's office by calling 924-6000 option 2 or directed to the school nurse at the school your student attends.

School	Nurse	Phone #
Ridge View Community School	Crystal Greaves	924-6000
Dexter Regional High School	Angie Buker	924-5536
Tri-County Technical Center	Angie Buker	924-5536

Sincerely,

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