

March 20, 2021

Dear Staff, Students, and Families of Cony, Gilbert and Lincoln,

This letter is to inform you that we received information today that one of our bus drivers tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is in isolation. Principals and school nurses will be contacting families whose students have been identified as close contact as soon as possible. Those students identified as close contact will be in quarantine. We continue to follow CDC and Department of Education guidelines in response to an identified positive case.

For those individuals who have received notification of being a close contact from this exposure, the Maine CDC's Sara Alert system will begin sending you follow up guidance via text messages. Sara Alert is an automated system that uses daily text messages to help people who have been identified as close contacts to monitor for symptoms after exposure. All students and staff will be enrolled in Sara Alert if they are identified as having been in close contact with a COVID-19 positive person while at school. If, however, you would like to opt out of Sara Alert, please contact our school nurse.

It is important for families and staff to continue to notify us if a student or staff member and/or another family member is testing for COVID, sharing the results of the testing and whether a student or staff member is experiencing symptoms. Please continue to stay at home as directed by health protocols and the CDC. We need to continue to work together to minimize the spread of the virus.

Please direct questions to your child's school principal or school nurse. For general COVID-19 questions, dial 211 (or 1-866-811-5695). You can also text your ZIP code to 898-211 or email info@211maine.org. www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Sincerely,

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