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**Parent Update Cornville update (10-07-20)**

Good afternoon,

This morning, following an email to staff, we were alerted to the fact that several of our students or staff members may have had contact with individuals from the Community (Cornville) Regional Charter Schools who have tested positive for Covid-19. Over the course of the day today, we have learned that one of our high school students, who hasn't been in school since last Thursday, has tested positive.

At this time Maine CDC has not yet recommended we close school; however, given the close proximity with our students and the students of the Regional Charter School, we feel taking this preventative measure is appropriate. The significant number of potential exposures to the likely outbreak at the Charter School does give us concern; we believe it is necessary to take short term precautions to investigate potential exposures. **As a result of the potential exposures, and understanding that contact tracing through Maine CDC takes time, we've decided that as a precautionary measure we will close all MSAD 54 schools for the remainder of this week.**

Where possible, our students K-6 will be sent home with devices, school work for the remainder of this week, and instructions from teaching staff regarding access to online learning. Staff in grades 7-12 will continue to provide instruction to students remotely following their established class schedules. With the closure of school for the next two days, we will execute our plan to provide meals to students door-to-door while we are out of school, similar to what was done last Spring. Meals will be delivered on both Thursday and Friday of this week. We would ask that any families who want meals leave a cooler or box where meals can be left by staff.

This closure gives staff and administration five (5) days to continue an open line of communication with the Charter School, Maine CDC, and our families, to determine if there is cause for a longer closure of any of our schools. As of now, should nothing change, we are planning to return to school on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020. We will follow-up with parents over the coming days to provide updates as we get them. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher or building administrator.

Thank you for your flexibility and support.

Sincerely,



**Jon Moody**  
Superintendent