

Dear Families,

It is imperative that sick children stay home. If your child exhibits any single COVID-19 symptom (fever, runny nose, persistent new cough, chills, fatigue, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, shortness of breath or loss of taste or smell) keep them home and call us for next steps. If your child has been a close contact to a confirmed positive case and they are not fully vaccinated, keep them home and call us for next steps. We now have seven times the number of cases in students that we had all of last year.

Please be sure to send our school nurse, Mrs. Lupien, a copy of your student's vaccination card once they have received a second dose. Students who are fully vaccinated, (two weeks past their second dose) do not need to be quarantined if they are exposed to a confirmed positive case of COVID-19. We are awaiting further guidance before we make any changes to our current protocols.

Quest Diagnostics, is the group that manages weekly COVID-19 testing for students in kindergarten through grade 6. Once students in these grade levels are fully vaccinated, they will no longer be eligible for testing. They will also not test any student who has contracted COVID-19 for 90 days after the active infection.

The Board of Education Superintendent Search Committee is seeking your input. This link: <https://forms.gle/RZv6J1eRXkaTrpTk6> will take you to a brief, anonymous survey that includes a comment box. In addition, the Board of Education is inviting Pomfret residents to attend their regular meeting on January 19th at 6:30 PM in the gym to learn more and provide feedback with regard to the search.

We are entering the season of snow and the possibility of delays and cancellations of school days. If we have a delay or closing, in addition to a phone call, email and text message from our Admin Notify program, the information will be posted on WFSB channel 3, NBC channel 30, WTNH channel 8, FOX channel 61 and WINY Radio.

As long as the temperature is above 20 degrees, students will go outside for recess, PE classes, and for snack breaks. It is important that everyone is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,
Susan Imschweiler