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November 19, 2020

Dear RSU 9 Community,

Two individuals associated with RSU 9 recently tested positive for COVID-19. As a result of this, we have identified 38 close contacts. We are informing you out of an abundance of caution. Please monitor yourself/your student for signs and symptoms. Call a health care provider if symptoms start. Stay home if you are sick.

We are working closely with the Maine CDC to ensure our response aligns with all safety guidelines. Close contacts have been instructed to quarantine for 14 days from the last exposure to the positive individual. A negative test result does not get an individual out of quarantine.

All currently known close contacts, verified by the Maine CDC, have been contacted by an RSU 9 staff member. If you have not been contacted you are not considered a close contact at this point. We will keep you updated on any other new close contacts as they occur.

As a result of this, the 6th grade Kineo Community at Mt. Blue Middle School will be fully remote on 11/23 and 11/24 (Monday and Tuesday).

All other Mt.Blue Middle School and Mt.Blue Campus students will return to the hybrid model on Monday, November 23rd.

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 conditions. The virus mainly spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes, and an uninfected person breathes in the virus. Signs and symptoms include:

· new loss of taste or smell

diarrhea

fatigue

sore throat

fever or chills

muscle or body aches

- congestion or runny nose
- cough

shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

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nausea or vomitingheadache

Please, direct any questions to your building 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. Call a health care provider for questions about your symptoms. Contact www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus for more information.

Thank you for your continued efforts in helping to keep our students and staff safe. We will keep you updated as new information becomes available.

Sincerely,

RSU 9 Central Office Administration and RSU 9 Nursing Team