

# *Canaan Schools*

November 2, 2020

Dear Canaan Families,

Our concern for Canaan Schools has been compounded by the fact that we are seeing an increase in cases in our surrounding area. There remain many pending test results within the community, staff and students are often spending time outside of school with others, and we have recently been notified of an additional positive case at Canaan Schools. The health and safety of our students and staff are our number one priority. Therefore, with an abundance of caution, a decision has been made to continue remote learning through Friday, November 13, 2020.

Through our recent discussions with the VT Department of Health team, both reported cases at this time appear to be cases with transmission within the community, not through transmission at school. The VT Department of Health is not at this time asking anyone to quarantine. Should this change through their ongoing investigation, they would contact you directly.

As was done with the first case, a list was created and shared with the VT Department of Health to assist with their investigation. These lists are created using class lists and seating charts for all aspects of the day including lunch, and any school related events. This same procedure is followed whether it is a staff member or a student. These lists assist the Department of Health to conduct their interview with the positive case to determine if anyone on the list is considered a possible close contact. A close contact is defined as closer than 6 feet for 15 minutes or greater throughout the day.

During this remote learning timeframe, meals will be provided to those who have returned their consent forms and delivered on Mondays and Wednesdays between 9:00AM and 11:00AM. If students are in need of materials, please contact the school to make arrangements.

While we are in a pandemic situation there will always be the possibility of the virus coming into the school, but all of the safety measures that have been put in place are meant to disrupt the further spread of cases within the school and our communities.

If you or your child develop any symptoms of COVID-19, you are encouraged to get tested and quarantine until you get your test results. Testing is also an option to any asymptomatic individual. Several testing options are available. If you are concerned about the health of anyone in your family, we encourage you to call your primary care provider or 211 for guidance.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out.

Take Care,

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