



## **NMRSD Update**

### **Wednesday, October 21, 2020**

#### **COVID-19 Update**

In my NMRSD Update last Friday, I stated that it was my hope that we would have a COVID-19 Dashboard on the NMRSD website early this week to update families on the positive cases in the district without sending out what could amount to daily BlackBoard Connect messages. It is now my hope that the dashboard will be in place by this Friday as we are working to provide a visual that is user friendly.

Due to that delay, I will provide you with the following update on positive cases in the district since last Monday, October 12th:

- 3 Students
  - 3 at NMRHS
- 3 Staff
  - 1 at Spaulding Memorial
  - 1 at Squannacook Early Childhood Center
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I learned this evening that the state will not be updating the community color-designations until tomorrow at 4:00pm.

It is also important to note the significant delay when testing has occurred in NH. When our residents are tested in NH, they get the results before they are reported to the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health (5-7 days after the test). This causes a delay in the contact tracing because NABOH needs the official test results from the state of NH to take action.

#### **NEW Center for Disease Control Contact Tracing Protocols**

Please be advised that a Close Contact is someone (masked or unmasked) who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

These new protocols will go into effect immediately at the NABOH.