

MT. BLUE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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“Public Schools not only serve the public, they make the public.”

TO: RSU 9 Staff, Parents, Guardians and Community Members

FROM: Christian M. Elkington, Superintendent

RE: Outbreak Status

DATE: September 19, 2021

We are notifying our school community that Mt. Blue Campus has been designated in “Outbreak Status” by the Maine CDC. Outbreak status is defined as three or more confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 among different households over a 14-day period. After further consultation with the Maine CDC regarding this designation, we have determined there will be **no changes to the instructional model at Mt. Blue Campus.**

District and school administrators and the RSU 9 nursing team have thoroughly investigated each positive case of COVID-19 at Mt. Blue Campus. And, after further consultation with Maine CDC, we are confident that there has been **no in-school transmission** and **that this outbreak is related to outside exposures.**

We know that the term “Outbreak Status” can be worrisome, especially at this time when the COVID Delta Variant is in the news and is a concern throughout Maine and throughout our country. As with all terms it has a purpose, that is to give a designation based on three or more cases detected in one place and to *heighten awareness* so that we will all be *on the lookout* for the signs of other possible cases. We remind all, with school age children to please make sure to follow the “At Home Screener” which can be found at <https://www.mtbluersd.org/quick-links/covid-19-information-page> before sending your son or daughter to an RSU 9 school. Thanks very much!

Please be assured that we will continue to monitor all close contacts related to the recent positive cases associated with Mt. Blue Campus, along with any other positive cases, and will notify you if there are any changes.