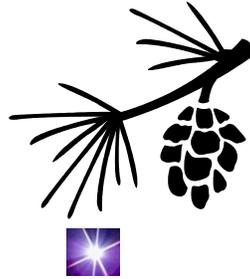


Town of Cornwall



Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update, Vol. 58 November 15, 2021

Hello,

There has been a cluster of new Covid positive test results in Town during the last week. They are centered around yet to be vaccinated children. This has caused the CCS 5th, 6th, and 7th grades, upon the recommendation of medical advisors and Region One administrators, to be quarantined in remote learning mode this week.

We have been working with our frontline school officials over the weekend to assess the situation. The school is now requesting all students to be tested as is the Child Center. Also, any student with Covid symptoms should not attend school. The school is encouraging all students to get vaccinated. There is a free vaccination clinic in Kent today, Monday, and vaccinations are available from CVS and Wallgreen pharmacies.

The school has had strict and effective Covid policies in place for the last year. Other regions have found that unvaccinated and often asymptomatic children are causing Covid cases to spike.

This is a learning opportunity and reminder that we all must be diligent. We encourage all eligible residents and their children to get vaccinated and wear masks inside, especially as we are going into Holiday / indoor season. Did you know that the heavily vaccinated State of Vermont lead the nation in increased cases last week? This points out the need for boosters to protect from the highly contagious Delta Variant.

The good news is that vaccinations have kept many Hospital ICU's from being overwhelmed as they were in the early waves. Vaccinations have also reduced the impact on many individuals and families. We will continue to support and assist our dedicated frontline school workers led by Principal Mary Kay Ravenola, Superintendent Lisa Carter, and School Nurse Clare Rashkoff. We are incredibly fortunate to have them on our team doing their very best to protect our children and families. Thank you for your assistance and support by doing your part to get vaccinated and wear masks.

Sincerely,

Gordon Ridgway
Cornwall First Selectman

Emilie Pryor
Chair, Cornwall Board of
Education