

OLD COLONY

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March 28, 2021

Dear Old Colony Community,

Over the course of the past week, the DPH reported an increase in cases in four of our six sending communities. The color zone and case counts are reported for the 14-day period preceding the report. The numbers from the March 25th report are below:

Yellow (31)	DECREASED by 4
Yellow (37)	INCREASED by 14
Red (31)	DECREASED by 5
Yellow (47)	INCREASED by 6
Yellow (20)	INCREASED by 10
GREY (10)	INCREASED by 5
	Yellow (37) Red (31) Yellow (47) Yellow (20)

During the week of March 14-21, Old Colony reported 4 positive cases. During the week of March 22 through today, another 4 positive cases were reported. Of these 8 total cases from the past two weeks, 4 involved close contacts. We thank members of our community for acting and communicating in a responsible manner.

As we continue in our effort to minimize spread and maximize safety, we ask families to remember the importance of staying home if students and/or staff present symptoms, are close contacts, or have tested positive for Covid-19. The importance of timely reporting to our nursing staff in the event a member of your family receives a positive test, as well as appropriate PPE use, mask wearing, and social distancing in our school setting remain high priorities. Below is the list of symptoms for which all parents/caregivers should monitor their children daily, prior to school attendance. Staff should monitor themselves:

- Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher) or chills
- Cough (not due to other known cause)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell

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- Sore throat
- Headache when in combination with other symptoms

- Muscle aches or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) when in combination with other symptoms

We look forward to a full return to in-person learning on Monday, April 26, 2021. As always, please feel free to contact me with any question and/or concerns at (508) 763-8011 ext. 116 or via email at apolansky@oldcolony.info. We thank you for your support, partnership, and contribution to our school community.

Sincerely,

Aaron L. Polansky Superintendent-Director