



ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Athol-Royalston Parents/Guardians:

During the upcoming school year, the district is focused on the safety, health and well-being of the students and staff. In my role as the COVID-19 Lead and Parent Engagement Liaison, I will ensure the health and safety guidelines established by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Massachusetts Department of Public Health are followed.

I work closely with the school nurses and building principals as we follow the established protocols when students and staff present with symptoms of COVID-19. Please note if your child expresses that he/she is not feeling well he/she will be assessed by the school nurse. She will make the determination if your child will be sent home and need to have a COVID-19 test to return to school. When your child is sent home to get a COVID-19 test the school nurses will share an informational packet with you regarding the district process tied to pursuing a COVID-19 test and returning to school.

If your child tests negative he/she can return to school after we have received proper documentation of a negative test result. As you are awaiting your child's test results, I will contact you to answer any questions you may have and/or clarify the steps that need to be followed.

If your child tests positive he/she will have to follow the established protocols as he/she self-quarantines for 10 days. A positive test will involve additional contact from local agencies and myself. In my role, I am an advocate for your child and family as you navigate the criteria tied to a positive test. Some of the ways I can help is to ensure remote learning can occur as your child is at home waiting for test results while completing the 10-day self-quarantine period, help troubleshoot any technology issues and address any other concerns that may arise.

If a student or staff member tests positive, I will initiate the protocols connected to a positive test in a school setting and ensure the proper steps are completed for the continued safety of the students and staff.

Please know I am a resource to the students, staff and parents so please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at abishop@arrsd.org or 978-249-2430, ext. 5103

Sincerely,

Andrea Bishop

COVID-19 Lead and Parent Engagement Liaison