



# ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*The Athol-Royalston Regional School District is committed to providing challenging educational experiences that inspire students to acquire the knowledge and skills to become responsible citizens in the global community.*

December 31, 2020

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Dear Parents/ Caregivers,  
The district hopes this letter finds you well and enjoying the holiday season. The district understands with the COVID-19 pandemic celebrating with family and friends have not been easy.

The district has received several calls and emails over the last few days asking what the school reopening status will be. This morning the district received an alert from Massachusetts stating that half the commonwealth towns are in red. The Athol Department of Health has informed the district that there are still 102 active cases in town.

The district is trying to do its best to protect all our students' and employees' safety while serving a small number of students who need in-person services.

The district, taking this all into consideration, will stay remote until January 15, 2021, for all students except the following:

- Students on IEP's whose families feel they need in-person learning and families who notified the district via the survey that they need childcare. These students may return to in-person learning starting Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

January 4, 2021 is a half day of school. Tuesday, January 5, 2021 we will resume streaming classes full time.

Please be aware the district is encouraging that even these selected students stay home if at all possible. Keeping the majority of students at home will all students and district employee

While we are in remote learning ACES and RCS will provide lunches to students at the schools on Monday and Wednesdays from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Also, the cafeteria will provide sites throughout the community where families can pick up meals. A notice on the times and locations for meals will be sent out by Friday.

Thank you,  
Darcy Fernandes  
Superintendent  
Athol-Royalston Regional School District