

Weekly Update: Friday, October 16, 2020

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Parent Google Classroom PD

Our District Technology Team held a virtual professional development session for PreK-5 families this morning, Friday, October 16, 2020, focused on how to use Google Classroom. If you were not able to attend, the Technology Team has published the recording of the session.

Recording of Webinar:

Access Passcode: 7zQ?WSCF

Click [here](#) to see presentation used for the training

Covid-19 Updates and Resources

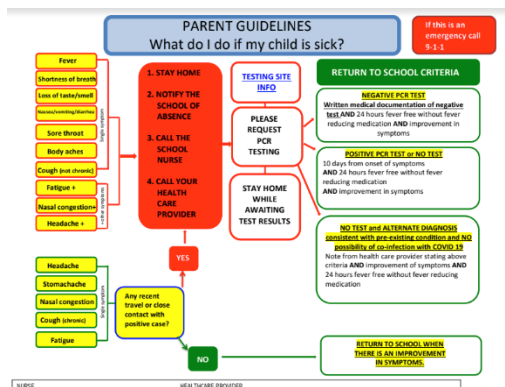
Pursuing Covid-19 Screening

Over the past several months, working in partnership with the Medical Advisory Team, the District has pursued Covid-19 screening solutions for students and staff. The District believes that testing is an important tool that has a role in empowering our organization with the knowledge it needs to increase in-person learning for our students.

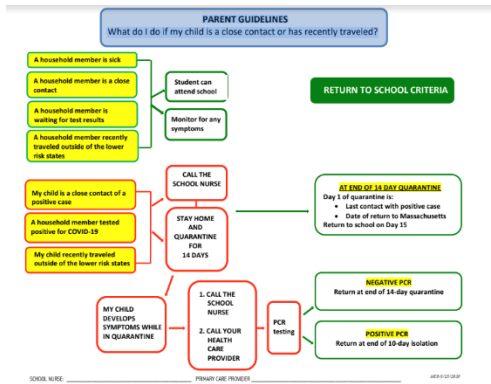
This week, the District joined the *"Safer Teachers, Safer Students"* collaborative, which consists of a number of Massachusetts school districts. The Collaborative is pursuing affordable and sustainable testing options, and if successful, the Collaborative's effort will demonstrate how to reduce fear and anxiety about return-to-school, pave the way toward ensuring that in-person public school K-12 learning can continue as long as possible, and increase the safety of both teachers and students.

The District is in the preliminary stages of this investigation and next week, additional information will be shared with the community and will include a participation interest survey.

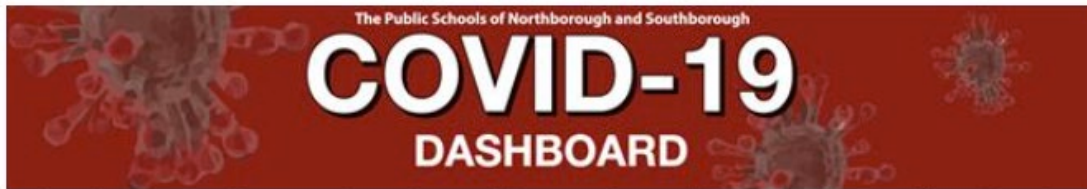
Flowchart: Parent Guidelines: What do I do if my child is sick?



Flowchart: Parent Guidelines: What do I do if my child is a close contact or has recently traveled?



District Dashboard: October 11-14, 2020



Coalition for Equity Update

The Coalition for Equity held its first meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2020. The Coalition’s charge is to build community partnerships focused on equity issues in our districts; create the conditions for courageous conversations to support collaborative learning about inequality, and identify and develop resources to support learning and action.

Over seventy-nine letters of interest were submitted to be a part of the Coalition, an indication of the high level of interest in the work. The following members will serve on the Coalition:

School committee members from each district:

Northborough - Lauren Bailey-Jones

Southborough - Kamali O'Meally and Jessica Devine

Northborough-Southborough Regional - Kathleen Harragan Polutchko and Kathleen Howland

Parents from each district:

Northborough - Diedra Wrighting

Southborough - Kumu Sivarajan

Northborough-Southborough Regional - Ellis Sanchez-O’Shea and Dr. Medina Safdar

NSPAC member: Kim Tolander

Members at Large: Dr. Melissa Cantor

Assistant Superintendent: Dr. Stefanie Reinhorn

Director of Student Support Services: Marie Alan

District Health & Wellness Coordinator: Mary Ellen Duggan

Director of Operations: Keith Lavoie

Administrators from each district:

Northborough - Alana Cyr

Southborough - Clayton Ryan

Northborough-Southborough Regional - Tim McDonald

Educators from each district:

Northborough - MaryEllen Remillard and Kim Spiliakos

Southborough - Shannon Souaibou and Julie Jenks

Northborough-Southborough Regional - Brittany Burns and Emily Philbin

Algonquin Regional High School students: Grace Nyberg, Sarah Saeed and Ben Schanzer

Alumni: James Richardson

The Coalition for Equity members bring diverse life journeys and experiences to serve with different and meaningful perspectives. Additionally, there will be opportunities to reach out to available applicants to engage in assigned tasks to help move the work forward.

Respectfully,

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