



WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Ware Families,

Happy Friday! The fight is still on for the health and well-being of our students, teachers, staff, and administrators as we work to eradicate the COVID virus. As we continue to monitor cases within our buildings this week we identified 10 positive cases. With the weather turning colder, the virus transition is easier in cold dry air, and with the positivity rate in the state increasing we need to be diligent in our actions to make sure we are doing everything we can to mitigate any spread of the virus. Utilizing the mitigation strategies of wearing a face mask (in school and on buses), washing hands, and social distancing is important in our battle against COVID-19. Making sure everyone is wearing masks all the way up, close to the bridge of the nose, and all the way down under the chin is imperative in staying safe for all individuals.

Another mitigation strategy is to be vaccinated for those who choose that option. At the November 12th DESE Mobile Unit Clinic there were 84 individuals who got vaccinated. Families who took part in the clinic entered a drawing for a \$50.00 Big Y gift card. Thanks to a grant from the Quabog Connector Rural Transportation Synergy Initiative Grants Management and Leadership 41 families won a gift card!

One way to undercover the virus is utilization of the Health Safety Check (Pooled Testing) in identifying any individuals who are asymptomatic (person who test positive for the virus but does not show any symptoms). If we are going to get through the winter without interruption we need to implement as many strategies as possible to fight the good fight, so I urge you to sign up your child/ren for our Health Safety Check (Pooled Testing) to assist us with this struggle. The more individuals who are tested allows us the ability to better manage this situation. For the health of your child/ren along with the health of everyone around them please consider weekly testing. Registration for the Safety Health Check can be found <https://www.cic-health.com/consent/ma>.

Wishing everyone a Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving Day! Thankful for all our families for their continued support and patience as we work our way through this public health crisis. We hope everyone enjoys the break from November 24th-26th and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed on Monday, November 29th.

Stay well,

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