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Dear RSU 23 Community,

Today, at 1pm, Dr. Nirav Shah and the Maine CDC further updated and revised the [Standard Operating Procedure for Investigating COVID-19 \(Linked\)](#) in Maine Schools. These changes directly align and support our RSU 23 management of COVID-19, enabling us to quickly identify and isolate individuals positive with COVID-19, expand our 230+ participant pooled testing program, and remain available to address our RSU 23 health needs. It remains critical that families and students continue to screen for symptoms using the [Maine DOE Symptom Screener \(Linked\)](#) and stay out of school if exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. Below are the updates that go into effect today.

Revised Pooled Testing Protocols:

RSU 23 continues to implement an optional pooled-testing program PreK-8. Pooled PCR testing is a tool to keep communities safe, reduce transmission, and build confidence in school safety. Based on the memorandum from Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Maine Department of Education, the following revision to the program is now in effect.

- **RSU 23 will no longer contact trace for BinaxNOW positive test results identified through pooled testing. RSU 23 will continue to communicate with the family of a COVID-19 case and share guidance on isolation and quarantine.**

RSU 23 Contact Tracing:

- **As stated in the RSU 23 Health & Safety Memo on January 7, 2022, RSU 23 is no longer contact tracing for school-based close-contacts. RSU 23 will continue to communicate with the family of a COVID-19 case and share guidance on isolation and quarantine.**

Any additional questions can be directed to our school nurses by phone or email, Sarah Burnham, 934-4461 Ext. 1503, sburnham@rsu23.org. or Katie Gagnon 934-4848 Ext. 1103, kgagnon@rsu23.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Suttie".

John Suttie, RSU 23 Superintendent of Schools



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