

COVID-19 Update

October 28, 2020

Good Evening Hartford School District Students and Families!

First, I want to thank everyone for working so hard to make the start of the school year successful and safe for all of us. I am very proud of our students, their families and all of our staff for following the guidance so carefully.

Each Tuesday, Vermont's Travel Map, [at this link](#), is updated to indicate the current COVID-19 cases in the state and across the Northeast. Today's map shows a significant increase in cases in both Vermont and New Hampshire. The current guidance from the Vermont Department of Health clarifies travel restrictions for residents. The guidance states:

Vermonters who live near a border and regularly travel to and from a neighboring state may make day trips to that state for work, health care, to commute to attend preK-12 school or college, and for other essential needs like groceries or visitation for [parental shared custody](#), without quarantining. The quarantine exemption only applies to the person under essential travel rules. It does not apply to anyone else who travels with you, for non-essential reasons.

Additionally parents/guardians or other adults who are picking up or dropping off their children should not be ill, or symptomatic, or under quarantine due to travel or close contact with someone who has tested positive and is in isolation.

My hope is that we can all continue to do what is necessary to get past this pandemic safely. I know it is not easy at times but together we can get through it and keep the students and staff safe.

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