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COVID-19 Update

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Our team continues to meet regarding COVID-19 and we want to keep you up to date with local and other significant developments.

Facts:

- Confirmed cases – known active cases as of 1 PM today is at **4**. These represent the case count over the last two weeks and only reflects those that are confirmed positive through testing at ICMS. *An active case represents an individual who tested positive and has not satisfied the requirements to be considered an inactive case.*
- Possible close contacts of confirmed cases are being informed and will be recommended for testing based on each person's circumstances. See below for information on who should be tested.
- The school year began yesterday where staff and students are asked to wear masks and to stay home if you are sick or symptomatic. This is the best way to ensure transmission does not occur in the school setting and ensure in-person learning can still happen.

Testing:

[Current US CDC guidance](#) indicates the following people should get tested for COVID-19:

- People who have [symptoms of COVID-19](#).
- People who have had a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- [People who are fully vaccinated](#) should get tested 3-5 days after exposure, and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.
- People who are not fully vaccinated should [quarantine](#) and be tested immediately after being identified, and, if negative, tested again in 5–7 days after last exposure or immediately if symptoms develop during quarantine.
- People not fully vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine who are prioritized for expanded [community screening](#) for COVID-19.
- People not fully vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine who have been asked or referred to get testing by their school, workplace, healthcare provider, [state](#), [tribal](#), [local](#) or [territorial health department](#).

Questions?

- Contact 2-1-1 for general information about COVID-19 or visit [Maine CDC's](#) website.
- Contact ICMS, 863-4341 if you are looking to schedule an appointment for a vaccine.
- Contact the school, 863-4800, with questions about school COVID policies.
- Business owners with COVID-19 questions can call 2-1-1 or the Town Manager, 863-2042