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Dear Trumbull Community,

It is my sincere hope that you had a wonderful break. Given the amount of stress in the world, I hope you found some time for yourself and those you love. I am writing today to update everyone on a few related topics. I will provide my regular monthly update to parents and staff during the week of January 11 where I will address other important topics.

### **Reopening**

We will be reopening our schools on Monday, January 11, to the same model we left on Friday, December 18. Specifically, our Pre-K through grade 5 students will return to their 4-day, in-person learning model. Our grade 6 through 12 students will return to their hybrid learning model. **I want to thank parents for keeping their children home when they exhibit any symptoms of COVID. Unfortunately, we have seen several instances where students arrive with obvious symptoms and that must not happen.** We will continue with all of our mitigation strategies and you can review the full extent of our [Reopening Plan](#) on our webpage. We can only remain open if we limit exposure of our students and staff. We are truly excited to get our students back in our classes.

### **Changes to Quarantine Rules – 14 days→10 days**

The Connecticut Department of Health has recommended changes to the length of quarantine based on updates from the [Centers for Disease Control](#). The State Department of Health has also updated [Addendum 5](#) of the State's Reopening Schools Document that discusses the specifics around the length of a quarantine. In conjunction with the Trumbull Department of Health, we will be shortening the length of quarantine for an individual who is a "[Close Contact](#)" **as long as they remain free of any symptoms.** Currently, all close contacts are required to stay in quarantine for 14 days.

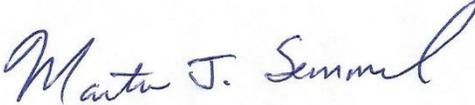
If a student or staff is determined to be a close contact, then the school district will provide a link that allows an individual to provide their symptoms (or lack of symptoms) each and every day. Individuals who remain symptom free over the course of 10 days will be allowed to return to work/school. This will allow close contacts to return to school sooner if and only if they show no signs of illness. This change has been recommended by the State Department of Health and endorsed by the Trumbull Health Department and Director of Nursing.

If a student or staff member is required to quarantine due to being a close contact, they will receive a quarantine notice with specific information that will help them through this process.

### **COVID Dashboard**

To provide additional COVID related data to our parents and staff, we have embedded a COVID

dashboard on our [reopening webpage](#). This information will be updated on a regular basis. To be clear, the number of COVID cases referred to in the letters I send out will not match the numbers in the dashboard. This will likely happen when a student or staff member has been quarantined due to contacts outside of school.



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