



December 8, 2020

Dear Southbridge Middle School Families,

I hope that you are all staying safe and healthy. I am proud of how our students and teachers are continuing to focus on learning and make our school a positive community. This is a very challenging school year because of COVID-19 and the various Hybrid and Remote learning models, and I feel that we are doing about as well as any school could during such a challenging time.

As we enter the winter months, we are continuing to take measures to make our school as safe as possible. We are strict and consistent with rules about social distancing, wearing masks, and sanitizing hands and surfaces. We will continue to focus on safety. We care about our Southbridge children, and we take seriously the responsibility of maintaining a safe learning space.

Even so, it is a reality that some students may be exposed to COVID-19. Even if the exposure is outside of school, it will affect students' education when they are absent or have to quarantine. In the case that your student has been exposed to COVID-19 and needs to quarantine, please contact our school nurse, Jennifer Lynch-Forges (phone 774-318-1582, or email jlynch-kupan@southbridgepublic.org). She will support you with next steps, including quarantine guidance and how to access remote learning while your student is at home.

As a reminder, families who would like to change their child's instructional program (either from remote learning to hybrid in-person or from hybrid in-person to remote learning) are required to contact the school. We ask that you either call Ms. Diane Power in our front office (508-764-5440) or email our Assistant Principal who manages these changes, Ms. Kristen Beckford (kbeckford@southbridgepublic.org). Please note: if you move your student to Remote Learning, you will likely not be able to move back to the Hybrid model until Quarter 3, which begins in February.

When you contact us in these ways, we can be sure to manage the process smoothly so that your child is able to access learning remotely from home and not fall behind in school. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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