



December 21, 2021

Dear Parents, Staff and Community Members:

The Intensive Education Academy has learned that two members of our school community have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). Once again, these cases are independent of each other and not connected in any way. Contact tracing has been completed. Those who have been identified as close contacts have been notified and will be quarantining and/or monitored as necessary.

With the colder weather and winter break right around the corner, the risk for infection becomes higher. Cases in Connecticut continue to rise and now is the time to utilize an abundance of caution when gathering with those outside your household. The [CDC recommends](#) wearing a mask indoors and maintaining 6 feet of distance while gathering with others this holiday season. Please be extra vigilant when monitoring for symptoms while on break and especially prior to our return to school on January 3.

If you are symptomatic, and getting a COVID test done, please make sure to get your test done as soon as possible once you notice your symptoms. Also be sure you know how to access your results. Many testing stations may require you to create an account, or register, to access your results; especially those that are negative. Once you receive your results, please send them to covid@ie-academy.org.

Additionally, we'd like to remind you that IEA will be offering on-site PCR testing for students and staff on Tuesday, December 28 from 9:00 - 10:00. If interested, please let us know [here](#).

Remember, vaccination continues to be one of the best preventative measures. Everyone ages 5 and up is now eligible for vaccination. Clinics offered across the state can be found [here](#).

This time around winter break makes symptom screening even more essential. Please remember that it is essential that members of our school community, students and staff, stay home if they are experiencing even mild symptoms such as sore throat, runny nose, headache or fatigue as these are early signs of COVID for many individuals. We remind you to review the [health checklist](#) daily.

Be especially mindful of monitoring yourself and family members for these COVID-19 symptoms:

- ☐ Fever (100.4° Fahrenheit or higher)
- ☐ Chills or shaking chills
- ☐ Uncontrolled new cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)

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- ☐ Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- ☐ New loss of taste or smell
- ☐ Other non-specific symptoms such as headache, fatigue, sore throat, runny nose, nasal congestion, body aches, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea

It is vital that IEA be informed promptly if an IEA student or staff person is taking a COVID-19 test due to symptoms, has received a positive test result or has been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19. IEA has established an email specifically for COVID-related concerns. **Please email covid@ie-academy.org if you have received a positive test result, or have COVID-related questions.**

For additional information on COVID-19 symptoms, please see:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

We are closely monitoring this situation and working with the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District and will provide you with updates as necessary. As always, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at jforman@ie-academy.org or 860.236.2049.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Forman', written in a cursive style.

Jeffrey Forman
Executive Director

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