

NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Ms. Alisha DiCorpo
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

Over the course of this week, there have been several updates from the Department of Public Health as well as guidance from the State Department of Education. Below you will find a summary of the updates that are important for you to be aware of:

Distance Learning: Tuesday, the State Department of Education provided Interim Guidance for Remote Learning for the 2021-2022 School Year. Please find that information contained in this [link](#).

Masks: Although the CDC has updated their guidance on masks for fully vaccinated people, the expectations for schools have not changed. See information contained in this [link](#).

Vaccinations: The Department of Public Health has confirmed that fully vaccinated students and adults will not need to quarantine if they are a direct contact to a person who has tested positive for Covid-19 and are asymptomatic. The New Milford Department of Health anticipates that the FDA will approve the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for 12-15 year olds within the next two weeks. Parents will be invited to schedule an appointment for their age qualifying child as soon as the approval is announced. Vaccinations will take place at the John Pettibone Community Center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Minors who attend any of the Health Department clinics will need to provide proof of age and parental consent to receive a vaccine. The Health Department allows unaccompanied minors, with a completed consent form shared in advance.

FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit: Families may be eligible for a \$50/month discount on home internet service. The application portal opens May 12th. Go to <https://getemergencybroadband.org/how-to-apply/>

End-of-Year Activities: We are planning a number of end-of-year activities in consultation with Lisa Morrissey, the Health Director for the Town of New Milford. She will continue to provide us with guidance as it updates in order to ensure safety for students and staff. As events near, more information will be forthcoming from your school principal.

We hope that you find this information helpful. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alisha DiCorpo".

Alisha DiCorpo
Superintendent