

MES Family Update September 16, 2021

Good afternoon MES Families,

We hope that your week is going well. Thanks to those of you who were able to join us for last night's Open House. And thank you for your understanding when we needed to make additional adjustments in order to keep an in-person event while looking out for the health and safety of families, staff and most importantly students.

A few things for you today:

*We are getting to the point where dismissal is moving along pretty smoothly. Now that we have all of our buses up and running, we've been releasing the last wave of buses right around 3:10. Today the last family pick-up took place a little bit before 3:20. These are pretty much the times that we'll look to be at moving forward.

*A few reminders about family pick-up in order to keep everyone safe:

- Please be sure to leave openings at both driveways of the bus lot. Buses need to be able to pull into the bus lot as they come down the hill and exit the bus lot from the other driveway in order to move to the front of the building for the loading of students.
- Please also do not block the path of the buses as they come down the hill. The bus is bigger than your vehicle.
- Please be aware of the driveways on School Drive and allow for homeowners to get in and out of their driveways.

*We have a number of new fliers this week as well. All of the fliers can be found on our website. Below you will find the links:

- AHM Play & Learn - <https://www.marlborough.k12.ct.us/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=253&dataid=7112&FileName=Play%20and%20Learn.pdf>
- Girl Scouts of Connecticut - <https://www.marlborough.k12.ct.us/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=253&dataid=7111&FileName=General%20Flyer%20RHAM%202020.pdf>
- AHM Holiday Auction Fundraiser - <https://www.marlborough.k12.ct.us/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=253&dataid=7110&FileName=AHM%20Holiday%20Auction%20Fundraiser.pdf>

Below you should find important information from the Chatham Health District.

We hope everyone has a terrific Friday and a great weekend.

Dan & Kim

Chatham Health District Important COVID-19 News and Resources

Chatham Health District has been identified as one of the areas in the state that would benefit from additional resources for COVID-19 testing - because of both the number of testing locations in the area and lower than ideal vaccination rates.

The testing events sponsored by Chatham Health in partnership with a state-supported testing partner have been confirmed through the end of September. Ongoing dates will continue to be posted to their site <https://www.chathamhealth.org/services-2>. Events are at RHAM High School on Saturdays and in Colchester and Moodus on other days of the week.

The testing rollout is ongoing and is planned, as of now, to run through December. It is our understanding that tests through these events should not entail out-of-pocket costs to those getting tested. If you have insurance, please present your insurance card. If your insurance does not cover the testing cost, it is our understanding that the state will cover the cost of the test.

When you visit Chatham Health District's website (<https://www.chathamhealth.org/>), you will also see upcoming COVID-19 vaccination events, as well as COVID-19 case data. Chatham Health continues to advise: *In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, please wear a mask, maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet, avoid crowds, wash hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds, and stay home if you're sick.*