

Subject: John Carroll COVID Data

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John Carroll COVID Update

Although school is closed for Christmas break, we want to share an update on John Carroll's COVID data so you are able to make informed decisions as you prepare for upcoming holiday gatherings.

As of today, The John Carroll School remains on the school-wide outbreak list maintained by the Maryland Department of Health, and has a total of 12 cases.

Schools listed meet one or more of the following criteria:

Classroom/cohort outbreak definition:

1) At least two confirmed COVID-19 cases among students/teachers/staff within a 14-day period and who are epidemiologically linked, but not household contacts; or

School-wide outbreak definition:

2) Three or more classrooms or cohorts with cases from separate households that meet the classroom/cohort outbreak definition that occurs within 14 days; or

3) Five percent or more unrelated students/teachers/staff have confirmed COVID-19 within a 14 day period (minimum of 10 unrelated students/teachers/staff).

Schools are removed from the MDH outbreak list when health officials determine 14 days have passed with no new cases and no tests pending.

As of last Friday, John Carroll had three cohorts with cases from separate households. Based on this data, the [Harford County Health Department provided the following advice](#) for us to share with John Carroll families:

- Given the rapid increase in cases of both flu and COVID, all Patriots should use caution in gathering with immunocompromised, elderly, or unvaccinated people over the holiday.
- If any students or team members develop any symptoms, stay home except to seek out a test – for COVID and flu, if indicated (Please remember that at-home tests are not acceptable for returning to school.)
- If not already vaccinated against both COVID and the flu, it is highly recommended to do so and is not too late to offer protection.

Additionally, the school nurses ask that you continue to use the [JC COVID reporting web form](#), even over the break, so they are able to keep up with the latest data, as well as to exempt any students who test positive over break from having to quarantine if identified as a close contact in the next 90 days.

Thank you for your attention, and we wish you a very happy and healthy holiday!



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