

# Central Massachusetts Collaborative

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Dear Central Massachusetts Collaborative Staff and Families:

## **Shift to Remote Learning:**

Based on the increasing number of cases in our local region and the expected surge after the holidays, in consultation with DPH, DESE and our board of directors, I have made the important decision to shift our CMC model for students from Hybrid to Remote Learning beginning on January 4, 2021 through January 15, 2021.

Our staff and students are well prepared for this shift as they have been learning remotely each Friday since we opened in September. Students will continue to receive daily synchronous instruction based on their individual learning needs. We will gradually reintroduce students beginning with those in the assessment process and other high needs categories with a full return of students based on their cohort on January 19th. The first week back for students (January 19 - January 22) will be the current  $\frac{3}{4}$  day schedule and we expect to move to full days the week of January 25th. Fridays will continue to be a remote learning day for students until further notice.

While remote learning can be a challenge for our students, I know you will agree that the health of staff and students makes this the best decision for all of us at CMC.

## **Immunization Reminder:**

We would also like to remind everyone that all children attending school at Central Massachusetts Collaborative must be in compliance with the Massachusetts current immunization laws and regulations as set forth in 105 CMR 220.000 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The state of MA has mandated that all children 6 months of age or older who are attending Massachusetts child care, pre-school, kindergarten, K-12, and colleges and universities receive the influenza immunization. All students registered at CMC must show proof of immunization by December 31, 2020 at the latest in order to comply with this mandate.

Any newly enrolling students between January 1 and March 31 must have a documented dose of influenza vaccine for the current influenza season (along with all other required immunizations) when they start school. Any currently enrolled students at CMC are also required to receive the vaccination or meet one of the exemptions listed above; however, we understand that you may be currently working with your child's physician to obtain the vaccination and we are willing to work with you during that time and will allow children to attend whose families are working with their healthcare providers to satisfy these requirements.

Please reach out to your school's director and nursing department for any questions or concerns with the vaccination requirements.

Thank you and stay well!