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Press Release from Superintendent Kyla Welch

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Over the past week SAU48 has been working closely with DHHS to determine what students and staff members should be quarantined. Typically we would be in remote learning for 2 to 5 days but due to the higher number of staff and students that are required to be in quarantine for 14 days Waterville Valley Elementary School will remain in remote learning from Monday, October 5th through Thursday, October 8th. Waterville Valley Elementary School will reopen for in person learning on Tuesday, October 13th, which is the day after Columbus Day.

As this time we are not aware of any additional cases of COVID-19 within the Waterville Valley Elementary School Community.

There have been some questions regarding why the two positive cases in Waterville Valley have not shown up on the state reports as active cases. The reason they are not on the list has to do with the type of test the children had. They had an antigen, rapid, test rather than a PCR. When the state receives an antigen test result, by CDC standards, that is called a presumptive positive, not a confirmed positive. Only confirmed positives (via PCR testing) are included in the dashboard. DHHS considers these children to be infected due to being household contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.