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Potential Outbreak of COVID-19 at Wilton High School

Last evening, 1/19/21, the Wilton Health Department received an alert that there were confirmed cases of Covid-19 among some Wilton High School students. This office immediately began contact tracing activities relative to said alert.

As of the time of this release, our investigation has led us to approximately 20 students that were directly exposed to the COVID-19 Virus at several parties and gatherings that took place over the weekend of 1/15/21.

Unfortunately, our contact tracers are facing some resistance from various persons attached/affiliated with these gatherings. This has slowed and hampered our efforts to identify all persons involved.

Given the size of these groups, the need for continued investigation and the potential for an outbreak on the High School campus, and the community at large, I am issuing an order to close the Wilton High School building for all school related activities for 14 days from today, 1/20/21. The Wilton High School building will reopen on Wednesday, 2/3/21.

Those persons that have been identified as close contacts have been ordered to quarantine and all others are asked to remain home until advised otherwise.

All parents or students that were present at any of the gatherings over the weekend are advised to quarantine for 14 days from the date of the gathering and to contact Wilton High School personnel or the Health Department so that we can arrest the spread of the virus and lessen the impact on the entire school community.

The remaining WHS student/teacher population is advised to monitor for symptoms and stay home until advised otherwise. As the investigation progresses additional advice will be provided.

My office is currently working with the Wilton High School health liaison personnel to gather additional information on this matter. Contact tracing is being done by both the High School and the Health Department. We will be working assiduously to provide clear definitive guidance ASAP.

Please contact the Health Department at (203) 604-7088; the Wilton High School at (203) 762-3381 Ext. 8324.

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