

## **Brookline School Committee Statement on Learning for Absent Students in COVID-19 Protocols**

The Brookline School Committee acknowledges the vital importance of maintaining health and safety protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic. These protocols include encouraging any of our students experiencing potential symptoms of COVID-19 to not attend school (pending COVID-19 viral test results), and temporarily quarantining outside of school any students who may have been exposed to a person testing positive for COVID-19. The School Committee is committed to offering any students absent due to medically-documented COVID-19 concerns or quarantine protocols the ability to access their classroom assignments and learning. This can include:

1. Use of Learning Management Systems (PreK-2: Seesaw; 3-5: Google Classroom; Grades 6-12: CANVAS) that will allow educators to share assignments, materials and provide a platform for streamlined communication between educators, students and families.
2. Although the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) no longer allows public school districts to offer remote learning as a primary option, remote learning may be offered to students who have tested positive for COVID-19 as deemed appropriate by the educator in collaboration with the family and as negotiated by the Brookline School Committee and Brookline Educators Union. This could include access to virtual teaching such as audio from live streamed classes and/or pre-recorded lessons by the classroom teacher or curated digital resources. Per DESE, students in quarantine who participate remotely for at least half a day may be marked present.
3. The Public Schools of Brookline will provide a 1:1 device for any student.

The School Committee appreciates the ongoing efforts of our staff, administrators, educators, parents, guardians, and volunteers to keep our students connected.