



March 31, 2021

Good afternoon.

As COVID cases continue to climb in Rutherford, the Rutherford Health Department has requested the community be particularly mindful of the spike in cases amongst children in town.

During the past week alone, 15 of the 50 new COVID cases in Rutherford were of school aged children, or 30%. For comparison, in all of 2020 only 8.8% of COVID cases in Rutherford were attributed to children between the ages of 5 and 17.

We're asking that parents continue to be aware of their children's socializing and remember that all people can be contagious two days before they present symptoms. As children do not yet have the opportunity to receive vaccinations, we cannot forget that they are still susceptible to this virus.

Additionally, COVID numbers continue to be posted regularly on our [website under "COVID Information"](#) for anyone interested in understanding our case count.

Superintendent of Schools Jack Hurley would like to also remind families to always err on the side of caution and always keep their child home from school if they have any possible COVID symptoms. [The checklist of possible symptoms can be found on the Rutherford Public Schools website.](#)

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, I thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community as safe and healthy as possible.

Sincerely,

Councilman  
Tom Mullahey