

Good Evening LCS Families,

We recently became aware of a student in our elementary school that tested positive for COVID-19. We found out tonight Thursday, October 22 that the test came back positive. We are responsible for informing all staff and students who are considered "close contacts" by the CDC Guidelines, however we feel that it is important to notify all families in our district in an abundance of caution. What is a close contact? It typically is someone being within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes. It is important to note that after speaking with the family of the student that tested positive and after carefully reviewing attendance records, we have reason to believe that the student did not contract the virus while on school grounds. Prior to sending this communication, we contacted families that we feel meet the definition of a "close contact" per CDC guidelines and we plan to follow-up with the local health department tomorrow morning to determine when the "close contact" students can return to school. The student that tested positive does not ride district provided transportation. The family of the student that tested positive could relay additional information to the local health department due to out-of-school activities that might result in students needing to quarantine, those families will be directly contacted by the Shiawassee County Health Department.

If you are required to quarantine because of an exposure, Shiawassee County Health Department (SCHD) and/or Clinton County Health Department (CCHD) will contact you. If your child does not qualify as a close contact, you will not hear from the SCHD or CCHD. We want to protect the confidentiality of this person unless there is a reason to inform you of this person's identity. At this time, it is our role to tell all the families of Laingsburg Community Schools that we are moving forward under the guidance of SCHD and CCHD and that all measures have been taken to protect the wellbeing of your child(ren). Please monitor for onset of symptoms related to COVID-19, including fever, cough, difficulty breathing, headache, or new fatigue. If you note any change in the health of your child, please call your regular medical provider.

We will continue to work with the SCHD and CCHD to ensure that we are doing everything to safely offer in-person instruction. We will continue to require all students to wear a facial covering and practice social distancing to the extent possible while on campus or while riding district provided transportation. If we learn at any time that there is a large scale spread of COVID-19 in our school community we will scale back our in-person offerings.

Matt Shastal, Superintendent