



## EAST LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear ELPS Staff, Parents, and/or Guardians,

Today, March 19, 2021, East Lyme Public Schools was notified that an additional member of our school/district community (**specific to Flanders School**) has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). The affected person has been instructed to remain home in self-isolation and has been provided with additional instructions to follow prior to returning to the school building. This is the fifth random case at Flanders School in the last seven days, and these cases are spread out across different classrooms and grade levels.

**Due to multiple staff members needing to quarantine across the building because of these random cases, the building will need to move to temporary remote learning until Thursday, April 1, 2021.** The Flanders Office will remain open during the remote closure timeframe. All other school buildings will remain open for students and staff, and we will maintain our continued phase-in schedule as planned.

As we move forward, I would like to remind parents/guardians that if your child is exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms or feeling ill in any manner they should remain home. Please do not send your child to school if he/she is feeling ill. If illness is present, you should call your medical provider to report their symptoms and ask about testing prior to seeking in-person care at a clinic, physician's office, or hospital.

For more information on what to do if you or a family member has possible symptoms, a diagnosis, or exposure to COVID-19, please see Addendum 5: Interim Guidance for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios in Connecticut School Districts, available here: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/COVID19/COVID-19-Resources-for-Families-and-Educators/Addendums-and-FAQs>

We are closely monitoring this situation and we will provide you with updates if any further specific information comes forth regarding these cases at Flanders School.

Sincerely,

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