



EAST LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear ELPS Staff, Parents, and/or Guardians,

Today, November 16, 2020, East Lyme Public Schools was notified that members of our school/district community (**another specific to East Lyme High School and one specific to East Lyme Middle School**) have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). The affected persons have been instructed to remain home in self-isolation and have been provided with additional instructions to follow prior to returning to their school building.

The last day attended by the East Lyme High School infected individual was on Thursday, November 12, 2020, and the East Lyme Middle School infected individual was on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Ledge Light Health District is in the process of contact tracing regarding these cases. Anyone who is considered a "close contact" with the infected individuals will be contacted by the school or local health officials and will be provided with instructions on the appropriate steps to take.

Given the continued daily positive cases coming forth at the high school level, many pending cases, and a staffing shortage issue due to quarantine requirements, East Lyme High School will be moving to temporary remote learning effective immediately. Students will return to the building on Monday, November 30, 2020.

East Lyme Middle School will continue with remote learning until its scheduled return date of Monday, November 30, 2020.

All elementary school buildings will continue to be open for students at this time. Additionally, I have conferred with Ledge Light Health District today and discussed these decisions at length. They continue to advise our school community to adhere to social distancing practices and mask-wearing as we approach and move through the Thanksgiving break.

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>.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office or Ledge Light Health District.

Sincerely,

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East Lyme Public Schools will inspire, engage and educate each student to become a contributing citizen and a responsible, independent, and critical thinker.