



EAST LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Upon notification of a positive COVID-19 case today, Sunday, October 4, 2020, **East Lyme High School students only will be working remotely tomorrow, Monday, October 5, 2020.** East Lyme High School will be closed. We hope to resume in-person learning at the high school on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. Additionally, after discussions with Ledge Light Health District throughout the weekend, **it has been deemed safe for all other students to return to their respective building(s) tomorrow, Monday, October 5, 2020.** Again, East Lyme High School will be working remotely tomorrow, but all other buildings will be open for students.

Yesterday we completed all contact tracing at East Lyme Middle School and Niantic Center School based on last week's COVID cases. We have been in touch directly and have taken the appropriate action with any students/staff who have had close contact with the infected individual(s) associated with these two isolated cases.

Those individuals identified as primary contacts at the high school will be notified by an emailed letter tomorrow, Monday, October 5, 2020 regarding quarantining measures that they will need to follow. Again, we will send out letters tomorrow to all individuals specific to today's high school positive COVID-19 case.

If additional COVID-19 infection cases come forth, we will continue to act immediately and engage in the steps that need to be taken as it pertains to possible temporary closures or staff/student quarantining.

I'm asking all parents, students, staff, and families to make every effort to follow safety protocols (mask wearing, social distancing, etc.) while engaging in outside activities beyond the school day. The cases that are coming forward are due to events and transmissions occurring across the East Lyme community. The spread of infection is not currently occurring within our schools. I'm making every effort to safely keep our buildings open for in-person learning in the hybrid model, but your assistance and diligence are required to allow this to continue and avoid our schools from moving to remote learning for longer durations. Please do your part to follow all recommended guidelines so we can work together to keep our school buildings open for students.

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



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It is our hope that COVID-19 transmissions will begin to trend downward across Southeastern Connecticut. We will continue to keep all staff and families apprised to ongoing concerns and additional cases that may come forward.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the school administration or contact our Central Office.

Sincerely,

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