



EASTERN LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 6, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members-at-Large,

This letter provides an update to the COVID-19 status of the school district. Currently Blue Ball Elementary has two (2) cases, both learners. Currently the Secondary (7-12) Complex has two (2) cases (1 learner, and 1 adult). All buildings have additional cases, but they do not count towards the shifting criteria.

On Monday, April 5th, the Middle School was virtual because the District was experiencing a shortage of faculty members and substitute teachers, in part, a result of a second round of Moderna vaccine that a group of faculty members received over the Easter holiday weekend. The Moderna vaccine was offered through the Intermediate Unit prior to the Governor announcing the designation of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine for educators. While not everyone experiences side effects from receiving the vaccines, some do (Personally, I received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and had flu-like symptoms for about 20 hours, but I am so grateful to have had it.). Fortunately, at this juncture, the vast majority of adults in the school operation are vaccinated and no more shifts will occur *as a result of side effects* that some experience with the vaccination.

We must continue to be vigilant so that our learners can finish the school year strong, in preparation for what we all hope to be a normal school year in 2021-2022.

Respectfully,

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