



EASTERN LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 24, 2020

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

This letter provides an update regarding our readiness for school to resume for in-person learning K-12 related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. At the time of this writing, the School District is prepared to resume in-person learning K-12, beginning Tuesday, December 1, 2020. Fortunately, the number of learner cases has dropped significantly. We currently have only one positive case among the student body at the High School and we have one probable case at Brecknock Elementary. That is the extent of learner infections at this time. We still have several faculty members who are quarantined because of contact with positive or probable cases or they themselves are COVID-19 positive, but nearly all of those will clear by November 30th and we should be ready to open K-12.

The latest restrictions promulgated by the Governor place the District in a much higher level of accountability for ensuring proper mask wearing of learners and adults. It also makes the former Department of Health recommendations for when to “shift to all remote learning” essentially an “Order”. The latest information can be found on the Pennsylvania Department of Education website at: [Governor Wolf's Public School Attestation Order](#), [Updated Order of the Secretary of PA Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings](#), [Recommendations for PreK- School Following Identification of a Case\(s\) of COVID-19](#). Failure by the District to adhere to these changes automatically forces a shift to all remote learning as well as risks the potential shutdown of all extra-curriculars and athletics.

We ask that as a community you continue to be vigilant, do everything you can to wear masks, and social distance whenever possible. It requires a community effort in order to keep our schools functioning in-person.

Please enjoy a safe and rewarding Thanksgiving Holiday. We will continue to update you as the conditions evolve.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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