



EASTERN LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 23, 2020

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

I wish to provide an update on our COVID cases as this week we had two separate events for which we had to quarantine a total of approximately 40 of our learners. To reduce rumors and speculation, I am providing you as much information as I can while balancing information and attempting to protect the privacy of individuals.

We had one positive case at the High School (yesterday---October 22) resulting in the required quarantining of approximately 25 students at the High School per PA Department of Health and PennMedicine. Anyone who was within six feet or closer to the positive case for more than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period was contacted and quarantined.

Note: Earlier this week we had to quarantine about 15 learners (soccer players) at the Middle School because of a positive case from another school district. This was NOT a positive case here.

Additional note: In large part because of all the protocols that we have in place, including quick and effective quarantining, remarkably, **we have only had TWO tested positive cases on-site** (both at HS) since the beginning of the school year. I wish to acknowledge the learners who have sacrificed much to keep our school community operating.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Parents will need to continue to conduct health screenings at home prior to sending their child(ren) to school. Below is the protocol the District is asking parents to use each day before sending their child(ren) to school.

Stay safe and stay well.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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COVID-19 Related Symptoms

Is your child experiencing any of the following?

Group A 1 or more symptoms (STAY HOME)	Group B 2 or more symptoms (STAY HOME)
Cough Shortness of breath Difficulty breathing New loss of smell New loss of taste	Fever (100.4 or higher) Sore throat Runny nose/congestion Muscle pain Nausea or Vomiting Headache Diarrhea Fatigue Sudden chills and sweating
Seek Medical Attention if your child is experiencing: 1 or more symptoms from Group A <u>OR</u> 2 or more symptoms from Group B.	

Pennsylvania Department of Education - Public Health Guidance Regarding COVID-19 for Phased Reopening of Pre-K to 12 Schools.
<https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/PublicHealthGuidance/>
Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health - Stay-at-Home Symptoms