September 1, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We hope the school year has started on a positive note for your family. I wanted to provide an update on the East Lyme Public Schools COVID-19 reporting protocols if/when we have an identified COVID-19 case specific to an individual associated with one of our schools.

The following will take place regarding COVID-19 case reports shared with our parents and school community:

- Any identified COVID-19 case associated with our district will be updated daily on our website. We plan to send out a text/email alert at the end of each week with a link to the website where COVID-19 cases specific to a given school can be found. This text/email alert will only go out if cases are reported during a given week. At any time, you are welcome to visit the chart on our website, which will log and track COVID-19 cases that may occur.

- If we have a significant COVID-19 case issue in one of the school buildings and it requires a building closure, we will send out a full phone/text/email alert notifying the East Lyme Public Schools parent community as was done last year.

As a reminder from my previous correspondence on August 20, 2021:

- Visitors will be allowed into the school buildings, but the total number of visitors will be closely monitored. Visits should have a specific purpose and be short in duration. Masks remain a requirement for any visitor within a school building, and the visitor policy is subject to change at any time.

- We will continue to follow the ten-day recommendation for quarantining. Students at the middle and high school levels will have the option to ZOOM into class if quarantined. All elementary students will engage in asynchronous work if/when quarantining. Remote learning/zooming into classrooms can only be used if we quarantine a student due to COVID-19 requirements. No other reason will be permitted.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to my office at 860-739-3966 ext. 5602.
Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Superintendent of Schools

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