



EASTERN LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

EMPOWERING LEARNERS AS GLOBAL THINKERS AND PRODUCERS

October 20, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community-at-large,

Monday evening, October 18th, the Eastern Lancaster County School District School Board approved amendments to the Eastern Lancaster County School District Health and Safety Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. The amendments were made to Section E of the Health and Safety Plan regarding contact tracing. Section E shall now read:

- *Learners and staff will be sent home if they present with severe symptoms, as assessed by the school nurses, that are closely associated with COVID-19.*
- *The nurse will strongly recommend these learners or staff be tested for COVID-19 based on the nature of the symptoms.*
- *If these learners or staff test positive for COVID- 19, they will quarantine for the number of days based on their doctor's recommendation.*
- *If these learners or staff test negative for Covid-19, they may return to school when symptoms are no longer present for a minimum of 24hrs.*
- *Learners and/or staff within 6' for 15 minutes or more of a positive case, will be notified of their exposure through contact tracing in the school and unless they present symptoms these learners and/or staff will be allowed to remain in school.*

The Board also approved the option of using a Home Covid-19 test as proof of a positive or negative result. Protocols for accepting the test are being developed and will be on our District Website as soon as possible.

The Board also approved individuals who can show proof of a Covid-19 positive test or an Anti-body test will be treated the same as an individual who has been vaccinated.

We hope that this information is clear. If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse. Allow me to take this moment to thank all our school nurses who have borne the brunt of much of this these last 19 month.

Most Respectfully,

Robert M. Hollister, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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