



# EASTERN LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

EMPOWERING LEARNERS AS GLOBAL THINKERS AND PRODUCERS

September 17, 2021

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

The information below will update you on the current Covid-19 conditions and protocols at Eastern Lancaster County School District. Currently our case counts are as follows: *(as of Friday, 9/17/2021 9:00 a.m.)*

**Blue Ball Elementary**

Total 5 positive cases - 2 staff, 3 learners (4 in the building during infectious period)

**Brecknock Elementary**

Total 2 positive cases - 0 staff, 2 learners (0 in the building during infectious period)

**New Holland Elementary**

Total 11 positive cases - 3 staff, 8 learners (8 in the building during infectious period)

**Garden Spot Secondary Campus (7-12)**

Total 38 positive cases - 3 staff, 35 learners (34 in the building during infectious period)

If you are not already aware, the Eastern Lancaster County School District School Board of Directors at its Monday, September 13, 2021, meeting changed the Health and Safety Plan making an exception available to parents who seek relief from mask and face covering mandates. Presently, any learner who does not have the exception form signed and returned by their parents, must be masked. The exception form can be found on the District website under [COVID-19 Updates/Resources](#). If you wish for your child to remain unmasked and without a face covering, **you must submit that form immediately by Friday, September 24, 2021.**

For those who wish an alternative to in-person learning, we encourage those families to switch over to our ElancOnline program. For more information about enrolling into the ElancOnline Virtual Academy, you can reach out to Mr. Curt McCaskey at 717-354-1556, ext. 2044, [curt\\_mcaskey@elanco.org](mailto:curt_mcaskey@elanco.org) or visit the ElancOnline Virtual Academy website: <https://blog.elanco.org/elanconline/> There you will find a video recording of the open house session that occurred over the summer presenting information about the program.

We will continue to clean thoroughly, socially distance where practicable, and properly ventilate our schools. Parents are being contacted if children were in close contact of a positive case.

We will continue to monitor our COVID-19 case numbers and will do our best to communicate with you as conditions change in the District.

Most Respectfully,

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

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