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Posted by ICS Office on Friday, May 20 at 4:30 PM in International Community School

### **Change in COVID-19 communications**

- Families receiving “place-based” notifications when students are in the same classroom or shared space as positive case
- Positive case counts are now being updated daily on the LWSD Health & Safety Dashboard
- Weekly testing no longer available to students, testing reserved for students who were sent exposure notification letter

Based on the guidance from the Department of Health (DOH), and to efficiently keep our families updated with COVID-19 information, we are making some changes related to COVID communications. When the new guidance was provided to Lake Washington School District (LWSD) back in March, the district chose to use the place-based notification option for students when they are possibly exposed to a positive COVID case on campus. This means that instead of tracking down anyone who was within a certain amount of feet within a duration of time, we now notify families of any student who was in the same classroom or shared space as a COVID positive student or staff member. We realize that this has created an increase in messages from the school for some of our families, but it is the most efficient notification system with the resources we have in the district. This is the method we will be using for the duration of the school year, so we thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this new process up until the last day of school.

Additionally, DOH guidance gave districts the option to keep families informed of case counts by hosting, and updating, a Health & Safety Dashboard on the district website. From now on, we will not be sending emails with the number of positive cases on our campus, rather, you can track the number of positive cases in our school building on the [LWSD Health & Safety Dashboard](#). To ensure accuracy, to the best of our ability, we will now be updating the dashboard Monday-Friday from now on instead of once a week on Mondays. Additionally, we will be adding a link on the dashboard webpage that opens a spreadsheet of historical data spanning back to late October. This spreadsheet will have the option to look at building by building case counts in one-week intervals dating back to October 24. We are currently working on developing this spreadsheet and it will be uploaded to the Health & Safety Dashboard as early as this week.

Lastly, due to limited resources, the option for students to test every week has been

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removed. Please only use the on-site testing if you received an Exposure Notification Letter from school. Each school has limited slots available for testing and we want to ensure those who have received a notification will be able to test that week. If it is your first time requesting a test, ensure you have completed the consent form before signing up for testing. You will only need to do the consent form one time for the year. Please remember to keep students home if they are showing symptoms.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this ever-evolving situation, we appreciate your assistance and understanding with all of this

### **Attendance**

To report your student absent, arriving late, or leaving early, please send an email to the attendance office at [ICSAttendance@lwsd.org](mailto:ICSAttendance@lwsd.org). Please include your student's full name, grade, and the reason for being excused. To speak with the attendance secretary, please call the hotline number: 425 936 2381.

### **Parents bringing items**

There is a shelf inside the school entry for dropping off any items, such as lunches, books, or homework for your student. Please make sure that the item is labeled with your student's name and that you have informed them. Laptops must be brought into the office.

### **School Traffic Map**

Please review the [Traffic Map](#) for student drop off and pick up.

### **Contact Information**

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