

# LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*“Partnering with students, families, and community to provide opportunities for life-long success through academic excellence and individual growth in a safe and supportive environment.”*

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January 13, 2021

Good Afternoon,

The Lehigh Area School District continues to plan for the return of our students for in-person instruction on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. We are excited to see our students and are preparing for a safe and healthy return for everyone in grades PreK-12. As of Wednesday, January 13, 2021, five (5) positive cases have been reported in the District within the last week. This is a significant decrease in comparison to the twelve (12) cases reported in the week prior.

The extension of the virtual learning platform was made in an effort to mitigate the risk of spread within the educational buildings and to protect our staff and students. As mentioned above, we feel confident that this was the right decision for all individuals involved in the Lehigh Educational Community. On Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> all students will return to the educational model they were participating in prior to the Holiday break.

Please be advised that the administration, along with the nursing staff, of LASD will continue to monitor the health and safety of the District moving forward. If any person in your household has been tested for COVID-19, are positive with COVID-19, or have come in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, please alert the school using the appropriate email addresses as indicated below. You will be contacted by a school official to discuss your child's return to school.

Elementary Center

Aaron Sebelin, [asebelin@lehighton.org](mailto:asebelin@lehighton.org)  
Melissa Haydt, RN, [mhaydt@lehighton.org](mailto:mhaydt@lehighton.org)

Middle School

Mark McGalla, [mmcgalla@lehighton.org](mailto:mmcgalla@lehighton.org)  
Lori German, LPN, [lgerman@lehighton.org](mailto:lgerman@lehighton.org)

High School

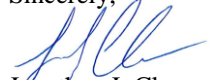
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We can mitigate the spread of the virus in our schools and community by wearing a face covering, social distancing, practicing good hygiene and adhering to the guidance regarding travel and gatherings with persons not habitually together. These measures remain critical in order for our Lehigh Students to continue in-person instruction for the remainder of the school year.

In addition, please be aware that Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> will be a virtual school make-up day to account for the snow day on Thursday, December 17, 2020. This is our first scheduled snow make-up day as listed on the School District calendar.

Please continue to follow mitigation strategies and thank you in advance for your patience and understanding through this pandemic.

Sincerely,



Jonathan J. Cleaver  
Superintendent

*“Commitment to Excellence”*