

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.”

January 6, 2021

Good Afternoon,

The Lehigh Area School District has had an increase of positive COVID-19 cases reported since our return from the Holiday Break. As of Wednesday, January 06, 2021 the District is reporting 12 new positive cases. Due to this increase in positive cases, the Virtual Instructional Model for all students in grades Pre K-12 will be extended until Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

This extension of the virtual educational model is being made in an effort to mitigate the risk of spread within the educational buildings and to protect our staff and students while continuing an educational model that allows our students to receive a continuum of their current educational placement.

Please be advised that the administration, along with the nursing staff, of LASD will continue to monitor the health and safety of the District over this extension of the virtual educational platform. If any person in your household has been tested for COVID-19, is positive with COVID-19, or has come in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, please alert the school using the emails and contact information below. You will be contacted by a school official to discuss your child's return to school and assist with contact tracing questions we may have.

Elementary Center

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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 return to in-person instruction on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

In addition, please be aware that Monday, January 18th 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 the mitigation strategies and thank you in advance for your patience and understanding through this pandemic.

Sincerely



Jonathan J. Cleaver
Superintendent

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