

# Lincoln Park Public Schools

*Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders at Lincoln Park Schools Today*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to remind everyone that on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, all students will continue with the virtual instructional format. On Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> the in building instruction will begin again in the schools. The Red Cohort will be in the buildings on Tuesday, with the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students returning to the LPMS. The Blue Cohort will return on Thursday. Please remember to continue, on the days your child is in the building for instruction, to complete the Health Assessment in your child's Genesis account. Your completion of the assessment before your child arrives at school, is an important part of keeping your child and all the children and staff safe.

I would like to also provide you with an update on the current information we have from the health department, parents, and staff. We have had several members of the school community have family members or close friends test positive for Covid-19. Some members of the school community have been identified as being in close contact with a positive tested person, and have or are quarantining as per the Center for Disease Control guidance. We have also been notified that a few members of our school community have tested positive for Covid-19 as well. All positive tested individuals were identified to have come in contact with Covid-19 due to contact with individuals outside of the schools. These individuals are following the isolation guidance as per the CDC. Unfortunately, it appears that positive Covid-19 cases and people meeting the guidelines of close contact with positive cases of Covid-19 are only going to continue and the district will need to consider what action if any to take on a case by case basis, which we will continue to do. As I have stated since August, the district's goal is to provide as many students the opportunity to receive in building instruction as possible, but only if this can be done safely. We continue to be in constant contact with the LP Public Health Nurse as well as staying current on all guidance provided by the CDC and the NJ Department of Health (NJDOH). Every decision that has been made and will be made, will be based on this guidance and with the health and safety of the students and staff in mind. We continue to be diligent in our preventative measures in the schools and we ask that you and your children follow the preventive measures at home as well. This past week provided our custodial staff extra time to thoroughly clean and disinfect the buildings and the staff will continue their cleaning and disinfecting protocols when the students return on Tuesday.

The following guidance from the CDC, is used by the Public Health Nurse, when advising the district on when quarantining is required. If it is determined that a member of the school community has been in close contact with a person who has tested positive for Covid-19, then a 14 day quarantine period is required, for that individual. Below is the CDC close contact guidance:

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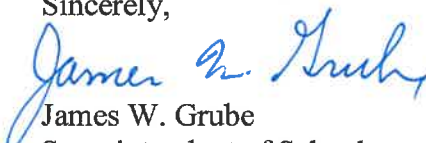
## ***Close Contact Guidelines***

*Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period\* starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.*

Also, as was mentioned in the October 30<sup>th</sup> letter, with some families possibly traveling over the extended weekends in November, I would like to remind you of New Jersey's travel advisory; NJ currently has forty-three states and jurisdictions on the list. Under the 14-day quarantine travel advisory announced by the Governors of New Jersey, New York and Connecticut, individuals returning to New Jersey from states with increasing rates of COVID-19 are advised to self-quarantine for 14 days. This includes travel by train, bus, car, plane and any other method of transportation. The travel advisory list is updated regularly, with two additional states, Oregon and Washington being added since my last letter.

In closing, I want to thank you for your continued cooperation and I especially appreciate the open and honest communication many of you are having with our school nurses. Providing our nurses with up to date information on positive Covid-19 tests, as well as possible close contact exposure to individuals who have tested positive is valuable information when making decisions on keeping all involved with the schools safe.

Sincerely,

  
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