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Notification of COVID-19 case at Livingston Manor Central School District

11/12/2020

I am writing to inform you that the district was notified in the evening on 11/11/2020 that an individual associated with the Livingston Manor Central School District tested positive for COVID-19. The last date this individual was in attendance at LMCS was on Monday, November 9, 2020.

The district is working closely with the Sullivan County Public Health Department to identify through contact tracing protocols any student or staff member who may be at high risk of exposure. **The school district administration has already made contact with everyone that may have potentially been in contact with this individual.**

The Sullivan County Public Health Department has, or will be, reaching out to those staff members and parents of students identified to inform them if they need to be placed under mandatory quarantine for precautionary purposes. Due to privacy requirements, we cannot divulge specific information about any individual who has a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19.

Please add the following phone number for the Sullivan County Public Health Department number to your contacts. It is the number for the Sullivan County Public Health Department and may come up as spam on some phones. (845) 292-5910

As a precautionary measure LMCS used an emergency closing day on Thursday, November 12th. The building was closed for all staff and students to allow for proper cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting protocols to take place. This was also done to allow additional time for the Sullivan County Public Health Department to make all the necessary contacts with families and staff.

All school functions scheduled for staff and students for Friday, November 13, 2020 will resume as normal. Additionally, all Boces and out of district students with programs occurring on Friday will occur as scheduled.

It is important to know that: all students and staff are required to wear masks, classroom seats are spaced with appropriate social distance or rooms are outfitted with acrylic barriers between students and staff where appropriate, classrooms are cleaned regularly and high contact surfaces are cleaned frequently throughout the school day. The school building and all areas utilized by staff and students are

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cleaned and sanitized each evening. Additionally, seating assignments also occur on buses and in the cafeteria.

We cannot emphasize enough that parents, students, and staff members need to be just as vigilant following guidelines outside of school, this includes limiting group gatherings, practicing good hand washing hygiene, wearing masks, and following social distance guidelines.

Safety is everyone's responsibility. This is a difficult time for everyone, and we need to work together to keep everyone safe. Please know that we are adhering to guidelines from the local and state health departments, which continue to evolve as we learn more about this virus. The district will continue to closely monitor this situation and will stay in close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps. The district is also following protocols from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for enhanced infection control precautions.

If you or a family member begin showing symptoms of COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider immediately. Before going to your healthcare provider's office, inform them that a case of COVID-19 is suspected, and follow their advice.

The new reality of living, working and learning in the COVID-19 era requires us as a school system to engage in a three-pronged approach, Prevention-Mitigation-Reinforcement:

Prevention: daily health checks certification, wearing of masks by all, social distancing, disinfecting, and sanitizing, and engaging proper hygiene practices

Mitigation: Follow-up with DOH and families for contact tracing, disinfecting, and sanitizing as needed, communicating with impacted parties

Reinforcement: learning from every instance, retraining and reminding of prevention practices and protocols.

New York State Public Dashboard for COVID-19 School Reporting has been created so that the community can see the number of students/staff who have been tested and the results (negative/positive) for each school (<https://www.schoolcovidreportcard.health.ny.gov/#/home>).

As always, the health and safety of students and staff is a priority, and we appreciate your continued support.

Educationally yours,



John P. Evans,
Superintendent