



November 13, 2020

Good Afternoon LPS Families,

As our region and state continue to see a rise in COVID-19 cases, Livonia Public Schools has remained committed to monitoring the health data on a daily basis and has been in frequent consultation with the Wayne County Health Department, as recently as yesterday afternoon. Additionally, I have had the opportunity to talk with Mayor Brosnan and leaders at Wayne County RESA today to review the increased case numbers and resulting community impact.

While our school district's students, staff and families have done a remarkable job of doing their part to combat the virus by adhering to our strict mitigation measures and complying with the safety protocols in place, we are compelled, at this time, to make a change in our instructional mode.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

Middle school and high school in-person instruction is currently on a pause, and was scheduled to resume on Monday. This pause will continue and will remain in remote learning through Friday, December 4, with students' planned return to the classroom on Monday, December 7.

PRE K, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND POST SECONDARY

Beginning on Tuesday, November 17, our pre-K through grade 6 and post-secondary students will be placed on remote learning, through Friday, December 4, with a planned return to the classroom on Monday, December 7. All pre-K through grade 6 and post-secondary students who are currently in face-to-face instruction will change to remote learning, beginning on November 17. We realize that families need time to arrange for childcare, so we wanted to give a bit more notice. Unfortunately, we have known all along that these decisions may come on relatively brief notice.

MODE OF LEARNING

Students who are currently in-person will receive daily synchronous (live) and asynchronous (self-paced) instruction from their current teacher(s) (see daily time schedules below). This schedule will mirror our Safe Start September remote learning schedule. No changes are slated for students who are enrolled in Livonia Virtual.

Students who are serviced by an IEP will receive direct communication from staff on the steps for moving forward during remote instruction, including schedules for classes and for service e.g. speech, RCR, etc. and learning binder updates.

RATIONALE

We would like to take a moment to detail the rationale behind this difficult decision. We know that each day we have our students and teachers learning and growing together in person is a day that matters. We do not take this decision lightly and have made every effort to remain in-person as long as safely possible. The health data in our area, unfortunately, no longer supports this mode.

The factors that the health department review include the number of cases within a community, the trend of cases (increasing or decreasing), the positivity rate for the county, the school district's mitigation plan, the number of cases in individual school buildings, evidence or lack of evidence of transmission of cases within a school, and the health department's matrix, based on community spread level rating.

We would like to break each of these data points down:

Number of cases within the community

- Livonia = 60 cases on Nov. 12, 2020, which follows three days in a row of peak case identification; 7-day average (per 100,00 people) is 48.04
- Wayne County = 627 cases on Nov. 11, 2020; 7-day average (per 100,000 people) is 28.39

The trend of cases (increasing or decreasing)

- In both Livonia and Wayne County, this has been trending up consistently (i.e. - increasing).
- Livonia 7-day average per 100,000:
Oct. 27 = 12.66; Nov. 4 = 26.54; Nov. 12 = 48.04
- Wayne County 7-day average per 100,000:
Oct. 27 = 8.87; Nov. 4 = 20.66; Nov. 11 = 28.39

The positivity test rate (city and county)

- Livonia's positivity test rate is currently over 12% (per City of Livonia's Nov. 12, 2020 Situation Report)
- Wayne County's positivity test rate is currently 11.8%
- Last week, the positivity test rate for Wayne County was 7.2 %; Oct 22 the rate was 5%

The community spread level rating

Our community spread rating is a level E (on an A-E scale)

Current District Data

Within our district, we currently have 456 students on close contact quarantine and the updated case identification numbers by week can be found here: [LPS CASE DATA SUMMARY](#) .

We know that these are difficult and stressful times. Our social emotional hotline remains open and ready to assist students, staff and families. Call (734) 744-2737 or email ses@livoniapublicschools.org if you or your student is in need of assistance. We are here and ready to help. Additional resources are listed near the bottom of our Return to Learn website at www.livoniapublicschools.org/return.

We would like to thank our entire LPS community for its diligence, patience and partnership throughout this time. Please stay safe, and continue to watch your email inbox for future updates as we navigate through this together.

Andrea Oquist, Superintendent
Livonia Public Schools

Please see the daily time schedule on the following page.

Remote Learning Daily Time Schedules By Level

Elementary Daily Time Schedule for Remote Learning

(Starting Tuesday November 17, 2020)

Synchronous Learning Times

Grades K, 2, 4:

Block 1: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Block 2: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Block 3: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Grades 1 and 3:

Block 1 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Block 2: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Block 3: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Grades 5 and 6

Block 1: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Block 2: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Block 3: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Middle School Daily Time Schedule for Remote Learning

Synchronous Learning Times

Periods 1 & 4 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Periods 2 & 5 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Periods 3 & 6 11:35 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.

High School Daily Time Schedule for Remote Learning

(Add 5 minutes for the CHS schedule)

Periods 1 & 4 8:10 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.

Periods 2 & 5 9:55 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.

Periods 3 & 6 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.