

## ***ELPS Updates***

### ***February 13, 2022***

#### **Next Board of Education Meeting – Monday, February 14, 2022**

The ELPS Board of Education will be holding its next regular meeting Monday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room in East Lansing High School. The meeting will be held in person and will be live streamed. The meeting agenda can be accessed here: <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/1629?meeting=517202>

Here is a link to access the live stream of the meeting - the video of the meeting will also be posted on this site: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/east-lansing-high-school-east-lansing-mi>

#### **Ingham County Health Department (ICHD) Rescinds Two Emergency Orders - What Does that Mean for ELPS?**

This past Thursday, the ICHD rescinded two pandemic Emergency Orders effective January 19 at midnight. Essentially, these orders require masks in educational settings and detail quarantine and close contact requirements for schools. The removal of these orders leaves the decision of whether or not to require universal masking up to each school district.

We are reviewing community and school transmission data, current recommendations from the CDC and MDHHS, input from our stakeholders and implications of our options. We are also reviewing current laws, policies and guidelines around communicable diseases that will remain in place. Once we have complete information and answers to our questions, we will communicate updates to all of you - watch your eblast this week for more information.

I've received many emails from staff, families and students since the health department's announcement Thursday. I will thoroughly read every email I receive and will do my best to respond to as many as possible - there are a lot! And it's once again evident that no decision will be fully supported by our school community.

For this week, nothing has changed as the order does not expire until the end of the week.

Here is a link to the updated school guidance from the ICHD: <https://hd.ingham.org/Portals/HD/Home/Documents/cd/coronavirus/ICHDSchoolCOVIDHandouts.pdf>

## **Potential Shortage of Rapid Tests - Update**

UPDATE - ELPS still has a supply of rapid antigen tests that will allow us to continue operating our current Test-to-Stay and Test-to-Participate programs this week. We'll continue to update you each week.

## **Spectator Limits Increased**

ELPS has increased spectator limits for athletics and performances. These increases took effect last Tuesday, Feb. 8. Each space (gym, natatorium, Performing Arts Center, etc.) has its own individual limit based on the capacity of that space. For activities in the gym, up to 400 spectators will be allowed - electronic ticket purchase is released to family members of participants first and then opened to students and the general public prior to the contest. We will continue to evaluate and update these limits as COVID transmission conditions change.

## **Positions Available in ELPS**

ELPS is currently seeking a new High School Principal and a Director of Human Resources, both to begin in summer 2022. We also have immediate openings for paraprofessionals and student support monitors and are always seeking additional lunch monitors. If you or someone you know may be interested in one of these positions, here is the link to the posting and application process: <https://elps.us/our-district/departments/human-resources/employment/>

Applications for the ELHS Principal and Director of HR positions are due March 7, 2022.

## **COVID-19 Reporting and Communicating**

Here is a link to the district's COVID-19 dashboard. Positive school-related cases must be posted on this site within 24 hours of the district learning of the case. If we are notified of a case over the weekend, updates will be posted on the next school day in session.

<https://elps.us/our-district/district-covid-19-dashboard/>

If you have any questions, please reach out to your building administrator.