

ELPS Updates

February 20, 2022

Reminder - No School Monday, February 21

There is no school Monday, February 21 in recognition of Presidents Day. Classes will resume Tuesday.

Next Board of Education Meeting – Monday, February 28, 2022

The ELPS Board of Education will be holding its next regular meeting Monday, February 28 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.

Here is a link to access the live stream and to view previously recorded meetings: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/east-lansing-high-school-east-lansing-mi>

Universal Masking Still a Requirement in ELPS

Last week, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) removed its recommendation for universal masking in schools. As of today, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) does recommend masking in schools to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. Decisions on whether or not to require masks in schools are now the responsibility of each school district. While our number of school-related cases has significantly decreased in the past month, we still had 10 active cases as of Thursday, Feb. 17 and closed an elementary classroom for in-person learning a week ago Friday due to multiple classroom cases. Our county transmission rate still remains at the "High" level.

ELPS will maintain the requirement for universal masking in its school buildings, with a planned re-evaluation a week or two after spring break. By then, we should be able to re-implement outdoor eating and open windows to increase air flow. Conditions, data, guidance and input are changing constantly - we will continue to monitor these factors and communicate changes in our policies and procedures to you.

Here is a link to the updated school guidance from the ICHD (updated 2/17/22):

<https://hd.ingham.org/Portals/HD/Home/Documents/cd/coronavirus/ICHDSchoolCOVIDHandouts.pdf>

MI Antigen Test Backpack Take-Home Program - post-program survey

As participants in the MI Backpack Home Test Program with MDHHS, ELPS sent home COVID-19 rapid antigen tests with students and staff for use over winter break and prior to our return to school in January. If you utilized these tests, please take a couple minutes to complete the post-program survey at this link. The purpose of the program is to understand whether or not sending COVID-19 test kits home with children and families is an effective way to lessen the spread of COVID-19. MDHHS thanks you in advance for your participation!

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h3D71Xc3rUKWaoku9HII0ZGHyz3HKppAusICATcUVNIUQzg5MzFQRjhQOUNQQ1YxUU1aOVRESIBFTyQIQCN0PWcu>

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.