

ELPS Updates February 27, 2022

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

Friday, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) released new "COVID-19 Community Levels" that guide recommendations for COVID-19 mitigation strategies.

Prior to Friday, there were four categories: High, Substantial, Moderate and Low

Now, there are three categories: High, Medium and Low

COVID-19 Community Levels are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area.

Ingham County is currently in the MEDIUM Community Level.

The CDC recommends the following guidelines for communities in the Medium level:

- If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines
- Get tested if you have symptoms

At this point in time, masks are still required in East Lansing Public Schools buildings and on ELPS busses. This topic will be discussed at Monday night's Board of Education meeting.

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>

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.