

ELPS Updates

February 6, 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.

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>

Potential Shortage of Rapid Tests - Update

Schools have been accessing bulk rapid testing supplies to rapid test students and staff. We received word last week that those tests are now in short supply. We anticipate this short supply may continue and will be taking measures to preserve tests and offer specific masking options when tests are not available. The Ingham County Health Department has provided guidance for use of these tests when they are in short supply as well as alternative measures that can be put in place to keep kids in school should these tests run out and not be available. ELPS currently has tests on hand and will keep you informed should we run out and new processes are implemented for close contacts and others participating in Test-to-Stay or Test-to-Participate programs.

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.

Make Sure Your Contact Information is Updated

You should have received Robocalls from ELPS last week to communicate school closings - one last Tuesday, 2/1 shortly after 6:00 p.m. and another Wednesday, 2/2 right around 4:00 p.m. If you did not receive these calls, please update your phone number(s) in PowerSchool or contact your school office to provide current contact information. Thank you!

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/>

Dashboard reporting includes school-related "Active Cases" and "Cumulative Cases" by building.

New Active Cases are added within 24 hours of school staff becoming aware of a positive case where the student may have been in school or at-school programming during their transmission period.

We remove cases from the Active Case count once we are aware of the student returning to school following their isolation period.

Cumulative cases are a total of Active Cases since the beginning of the school year.

With the updated guidance for isolation and quarantine and a potential delay in knowledge and reporting of positive cases to the school district, the active numbers may change quickly. Dashboard cases are requested from each building every morning and provided to the technology department for posting, so it's possible that these dashboard numbers may differ from information you receive from the school buildings in the afternoons.

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