

ELPS Updates

February 28, 2021

In-Person Orientation Week this Week!

Orientation week for in-person preK – 12 students is this week! We are excited to be welcoming students back to the buildings and look forward to seeing them! School-specific schedules and details have been sent out by buildings – please contact the school office if you need more information.

Just a reminder that there will be one more opportunity following Spring Break to opt in to in-person learning for this school year. More information will be coming in the next couple weeks.

Next Board of Education meeting – Monday, March 8, 2021

The next meeting of the ELPS Board of Education will be held via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2021. Links to the Zoom meeting and the agenda will be included in next weekend's updates.

Transition Resource for Elementary Families developed by the Mental Health Advisory Board

Thanks to members of the Elementary Subcommittee of the Mental Health Advisory Board for this helpful resource to aid in your child's transition to in-person learning or to a new teacher or new classmates if they are remaining virtual.

[Elementary.Family.Transition.Graph.MHAC](#)

Kindergarten Enrollment for 2021-22

Even as we plan this return to in-person learning, this is the time of year we also begin our preparations for fall. Kindergarten Parent Information Night was held via Zoom last Thursday evening.

Here is a link to the presentation: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JXK0QbcC0yCqGJwkzuepEJy1pSdMSAK4/view>

Here is a link to our 2021-22 online enrollment portal: <https://elps.us/our-district/prospective-families/online-enrollment/>

Ingham County Health Department and Other Resources

The Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) has some very informative COVID-19 resources on their website that address the following topics. ELPS will utilize these resources and guidance from the ICHHD to guide decisions if/when a positive case or exposure occurs at school.

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

- Process for a COVID Case or Exposure at School
- COVID-19 Privacy and Contacts
- Cohorts Help to Limit COVID-19 Contacts
- How Does COVID-19 Spread?
- What are the Chances of Catching COVID-19?
- Who Might Be a Close Contact?
- When a Student Should Stay Home or Be Sent Home
- COVID-19 Decision Tree for Students

Here is a **Mask-Wearing Toolkit** that may provide some helpful tips for success in having children select and wear masks:

Meal Distribution Updates

With the offering of in-person instruction, our meal distribution program will be changing beginning March 1, 2021.

This week (week of 2/22/21) – normal operation with usual Thursday pick-up and deliveries – this Thursday's meal boxes will include a partial week's worth of meals since the next pick-up day will be only four days later. This week will be the last week for Thursday pick-up and for individual home deliveries.

Beginning Week of March 1, 2021 –

- **Weekly pick-ups:** every MONDAY behind ELHS from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. – no longer on Thursdays!
- **ELPS truck deliveries** to Spartan Village, 1855 Place, Edgewood Village on current day and times... and to Deer Path Apartments (day and time being determined – more communication to follow)
- We will **no longer be able to offer home deliveries** beginning March 1, 2021. Families are welcome to send a family member, friend or neighbor to pick up meals during our Monday pick-up time.

MI Safe Schools Testing Program for ELHS STUDENTS

East Lansing High School has been approved to offer high school students the opportunity to participate in antigen testing. This is the same testing we conducted on our student-athletes and coaches who completed their fall seasons in January.

Student testing is voluntary, and parent consent will be required for students under 18. A survey link will be coming from ELHS this week for families to sign up to participate – the information and consent form will also be attached to that email. Student testing will begin the week of March 8 and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays just prior to the start of the school day. A schedule and more details will be coming! We are excited to be able to offer this additional layer of safety and surveillance to our high school students. We may be able to expand the program to additional schools in the future.

ELPS COVID-19 Dashboard

Here is a link to our district's dashboard: <https://elps.us/our-district/district-covid-19-dashboard/>

Current Metrics and Data for Ingham County

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