

ELPS Updates
October 31, 2021

No School this Friday, November 5

As shared in Friday's eblast to staff, families and students, ELPS will not be holding classes this Friday, November 5. Nearly 100 of our staff members are scheduled to receive their COVID-19 booster shot, their flu vaccination or both this Thursday afternoon, and we are expecting a high level of staff shortages this Friday. Please see Friday's email for information about a child care option from the City of East Lansing for current B & A families. To-go breakfast and lunch bags will be available for student to take home Thursday afternoon. All district offices will be closed. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause for families.

Next Board of Education Meeting – Monday, November 8, 2021

The ELPS Board of Education will be holding its next regular meeting Monday, November 8 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 the recording of last week's

meeting: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/east-lansing-high-school-east-lansing-mi/evt1fd466ec85>

Application Open for ELPS Wellness Policy Committee Members

We are looking for school and community members to join the East Lansing Public Schools Wellness Policy Committee. As part of the wellness policy committee you will help review and consider evidence-based strategies when setting local school wellness goals (goals include nutrition, physical activity, and other school-based activities designed to promote student wellness), inform and update the public about the content and implementation of the local school wellness policy, as well as, conduct a triennial assessment helping to provide recommendations to the wellness policy. All meetings for the 2021-2022 school year will be held via Zoom. Please find the dates and times of committee meetings in the description at the top of the "[East Lansing Public Schools Wellness Policy Committee Application](#)."

COVID-19 Vaccination Approval for Ages 5 - 11

Final approval for the COVID-19 vaccination for children ages 5 - 11 may come this week! We are in communication with the Ingham County Health Department and working to schedule a vaccination clinic the week of November 8. Please watch your email this week for more information and to register.

COVID-19 Testing Update

Beginning this week, our weekly COVID testing program will be moving to individual testing in place of the pool testing that is currently in place. There is no change to the actual testing process, so students and staff won't notice a difference. Currently, up to

ten swabs are pooled together when sent to the lab for processing - should a "pool" come back positive, each of these individuals would be retested individually. This testing program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will now provide for individual testing, which will eliminate the potential need for retesting students in the event of a positive pool result. If you'd like to sign up, please email kelly.hocquard@elps.us.

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 Monday.

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

COVID-19 Guidance from the Ingham County Health Department

The ICHD has updated its COVID-19 guidance documents for schools to align with the new Emergency Orders. You can access these documents with the following link:

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