



ELCS families,

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We have been seeing an increasing number of our students who have been exposed to persons exhibiting COVID symptoms. While runny noses, sore throats, coughs, and congestion have always been a common occurrence during this time of year, we do not have the luxury of assuming that any of those are simply allergies or a cold virus while this pandemic is still at large. We are therefore urgently reminding you of our COVID protocol should a student become exposed to the virus:

- Make a point to ask **every single person who is going to be around your child** if they are exhibiting any indicators of illness. This includes, but is not limited to **fever, coughing, shortness of breath, and congestion**. If any symptoms are present, do not allow your child to be around that person.
- If your child has been with a person who was **not symptomatic** when the child was around, but begins to show symptoms afterward, **do not continue to send your child to school after you are made aware of that information**. Call the office and inform staff of what has happened, and also inform us as to whether said person will be tested for COVID. Please understand that we have virtual options available for each student (Class Dojo for elementary and Office 365 for middle and high school) so that they will not fall behind in their education.
- If your child has been with a person who **was symptomatic**, **do not send your child to school after the exposure**. Call the office and inform staff of what has happened, and also inform us as to whether said person will be tested for COVID.

Please know that we do understand many of our families require someone to babysit their child(ren) after school and/or on weekends so they can continue to work, and that this pandemic has caused great difficulty in this area. ***But please commit to reducing the risk for your child, your family, or our school by making wise decisions regarding who has permission to be in close proximity to you and your family.***

Governor DeWine issued an urgent warning last evening about the need to see Ohio's number of cases decrease drastically in the next week, or we face the closure of many businesses and establishments. We want nothing more than to keep the doors of ELCS open, and to that end, every single one of us must do our part to help trend these numbers downward.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in our endeavors to help end this pandemic and return to a state of normalcy.

In Christ,

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