

Dear WLPS Families,

Last night I notified WLMS/HS families that a 10th grade student at WLHS had been confirmed positive for COVID-19. The student is well and considered asymptomatic. Because this incident was identified as a potential case early in the week and quarantining took place immediately pending the results of the test, my staff and I were able to thoroughly evaluate close contacts. With the approval of the WCHD, students were cleared to return to in-person instruction today.

WCHD confirmed we did all things correctly, however, we did end up isolating 12 students. Many have siblings in both buildings. Furthermore, we have been made aware of another probable case in our district that is under investigation.

Therefore, **preschool-12th grade will move to remote learning for Monday, October 12 through Thursday, October 15.** Adding three days of remote learning next week to the one we already planned allows time for the WCHD to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 cases, for custodial staff to deep clean and disinfect our facilities and will minimize students unknowingly spreading it through the classrooms. We understand how hard it is for families to make alternate arrangements on short notice. We hope the planned remote learning day and scheduled long weekend will minimize the impact to your family.

WLPS Food Service is providing meals for next week. To take advantage of the program, please fill out [this form](#) by the end of the day today. Families can pick up their free food packs including six breakfasts and lunches on Tuesday, October 13 from 9AM-11AM at the shipping/receiving doors (west side of the building) of Whitmore Lake High School.

Please note, if you already signed up for the original October 14 meal pick up date, that has been cancelled. You do not need to fill out another form. Your meals will be available at the Tuesday pick up.

Preschool can pick up learning kits at the WLES A-Wing doors from 8-9 AM and 3-4 PM on Monday, October 12.

K-6 families can find this week's ES Weekly Update [HERE](#).

Kids Club will be closed on Monday. If I am able to safely reopen, an announcement will be made next week.

7-12th grade testing that was scheduled for next week is postponed. More information will be shared at a later date.

7-12th grade parents can find the parent-teacher conferences sign up information [HERE](#).

Homecoming festivities are all outside tonight with appropriate restrictions. They will go on as planned.

Athletics and extracurricular activities will have some increased restrictions. If these new expectations can be adhered to by our coaches, players, and fans, then next week's events can still go on as planned. Any changes to next week's athletic and extracurricular schedule will be announced on Monday, October 12.

Thank you again to all our students, staff and families for your cooperation and flexibility this week and next. My hope is that your confidence in our preparedness to handle this pandemic has continued to grow with how we've handled and communicated our first positive COVID-19 cases. I'm grateful those affected are recovering well and the transition in and out of remote learning has been relatively smooth. Again, we must continue to stay diligent in adhering to all our safety protocols to stay safe and stay open. If you had any issues receiving any of the communications we sent out this week, please contact your building office immediately.

Tom DeKeyser

Superintendent

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