

Good afternoon, Litchfield.

We learned this afternoon of a positive case of COVID-19 at Litchfield Middle School. The individual is a daily member of the school community who has significant contact with other staff members throughout the day. Coupled with our existing case from earlier in the week, we are not able to safely staff the school at this time. Therefore, I am announcing that we are shifting Litchfield Middle School to whole school remote learning effective tomorrow Friday, November 20th. We will reassess the situation over the weekend, however parents and staff should anticipate that the school will remain in remote instruction mode next week with an anticipated reopening date of Monday, November 30th.

This decision has not been made lightly. After thorough discussion and review of the entire situation, the decision was made based on the number of positive COVID-19 cases at the school and the impact of required quarantining on our staff.

As this is a rapidly evolving situation, all parents must remain prepared for a shift in learning mode. At this time we do not anticipate changing the instructional model at Griffin Memorial School nor Campbell High School. However, a single case can have a wide impact on our schools. If any family is impacted by the LMS closure and needs an older child attending CHS to help with supervision at home, please contact Principal Lonergan to make arrangements for a temporary shift to remote learning.

I want to thank everyone for staying strong and supporting our efforts to deliver in person instruction. Remember that masks are now mandated in public, and we need to be extra careful to maintain physical distancing. With the cases increasing in the area and particularly at LMS, we hope this closure is temporary and helpful. Please be alert for additional messaging from LMS Principal Lecklider on how we will implement remote instruction for the next few school days. The LMS remote schedule can be found at this [LINK](#).

Be well,

Mike Jette, Superintendent of Schools