

# Sunday Update

## A Message from Mike Jette, Superintendent of Schools

### Sunday Update on Covid-19

*Good evening Litchfield Families!*

*I would like to start with a sincere “Thank You” for all of the notes of support we have received after reaching the difficult decision to close schools for the 2 weeks following Thanksgiving Break. Our school leadership team understands the burden placed on our families, and we only took this action because alternatives could not be found. I am writing tonight with an update on additional positive COVID-19 cases in our schools:*

- **GMS** - After the notice was sent out on Friday afternoon, we have learned of 3 additional positive members of our school community. Two (2) individuals have been isolating at home, and no additional contact tracing is needed based on these cases. The other is a member of the 4th grade team and we are in the process of contacting 5 additional members of the school community who will be required to quarantine for 10 days due to close contact. However, out of an abundance of caution, we will keep the entire impacted class learning remotely from home on Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Mitchell has sent a detailed message to impacted families.
- **LMS** - After the notice was sent home Friday afternoon, we learned of an additional member of the school community who tested positive for COVID-19. This individual was last in attendance on 11/13, so no additional contact tracing is required at this time. This brings the total number of LMS staff who are positive or quarantining to 15. This is why LMS is not able to be open to in-person learning on Monday and Tuesday, and must operate in remote learning mode.
- **CHS** - After Friday’s notice, we have learned of 2 members of the daily school community who are quarantining for 10 days due to close contact with a positive individual in the community.

*With the increased number of COVID-19 cases in our community, this is exactly the type of chain reaction we feared was coming our way. While we are confident we can safely have school on Monday and Tuesday, if any family prefers to keep students at home, please contact the teacher(s) and school principal to arrange for remote learning. While we typically require more lead time for a successful transition, we will try our best to accommodate everyone during this difficult period of time.*

***Tigers and Lynx and Cougars (oh my): All students and staff attending school this week are reminded to follow the [Health Screener](#) each day! Masks are required at all times on campus. Frequently use hand sanitizer or wash your paws (hands). And, stay 2 arm's length from others. Let's finish Strong and Well and head off to a great Litchfield Thanksgiving with household family and loved ones!!***