

# COVID-19 Update

## *A Message from Mike Jette, Superintendent of Schools*

Tuesday, 11/24/2020

*Good afternoon, Litchfield.*

*I want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we recently navigated uncharted waters with the third wave of the pandemic. It has been a stressful week as positive cases continued to be identified with our students and staff. Nearly all of these cases have been identified as "community spread", and help to paint the portrait of what we need to do as a school community to re-flatten the curve and safely reopen our schools on 12/14/2020. Here are some key numbers:*

- We currently have 8 staff members who are COVID-19 positive.*
- We have 25 staff members who are quarantined due to exposure.*
- We currently have 2 students who are COVID-19 positive.*
- We have 55 students who are quarantined due to exposure.*
- The active cases are at LMS and GMS, with CHS not having any active cases at the moment.*

*We ask families to continue to report illness to the school nurses during remote learning. We will continue to hold our daily COVID briefing and to review both regional and Litchfield specific numbers. While we remain hopeful that we can reopen and hold 8 in-person schools days before the New Year's break, that will depend on our ability to safely staff the buildings and meet learner needs.*

*Please: Celebrate the holidays with household family, wear masks and maintain physical distancing when out and about. The experts say the current COVID cases across the country can be traced back to Halloween gatherings, and if true we all need to dig deep and do our part not to have a similar increase after Thanksgiving and going into the New Year.*

*Have a great Thanksgiving Holiday! Be Well and Stay Strong!*