

Lebanon Public Schools

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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to let you know that two Lebanon Middle School students have tested positive for COVID-19. The students were last in school on Tuesday, December 1st. I have informed Uncas Health District of the positive cases.

LMS will go to Distance Learning starting Monday, December 7 through Tuesday, December 15. If all goes well, the anticipated return date for In School instruction will be Wednesday, December 16. Contact tracing for potential close contacts is being conducted. Students and staff considered close contacts will be contacted over the next few days.

COVID-19 Reminders

COVID-19 is spread mainly via person-to-person contact through contaminated air droplets from coughing and sneezing by an infected person. As with controlling the spread of other viruses, we urge everyone to discuss the following preventive measures with your children and family members:

- Wash your hands frequently, but especially after using the restroom and before
 preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for about 20 seconds. Be
 sure to also wash your fingertips. When soap and water are not available, use hand
 sanitizer.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze
 into a tissue, then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze inside
 the elbow of your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.
- Wear a face covering (mask) whenever there is a likelihood that you or your family members will be in the presence of others.
- Maximize social distancing between yourself and others when outside of your home.

Below is the list of COVID-19 symptoms for which everyone should monitor in their family members:

Fever (100.4° Fahrenheit or higher)
Chills or shaking chills
Uncontrolled new cough (not due to other known cause, such as chroni

cough)
Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
New loss of taste or smell

For additional information on COVID-19 symptoms, please see:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html

Staff and students exhibiting any of the above symptoms, or feeling ill, should call their medical provider to report their symptoms and ask about testing prior to seeking in-person care at a clinic, physician's office, or hospital.

For more information on what to do if you or a family member has possible symptoms, a diagnosis, or exposure to COVID-19, please see:

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/COVID-19/Addendum-5-Interim-Guidance-for-Responding-to-COVID-19-Scenarios-in-CT-School-Districts.pdf

Hoping you and your loved ones are healthy and well.

Sincerely

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