



LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

October 23, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Every other Wednesday after school, the school superintendents and/or principals meet with the Allen County Health Department via Zoom. At Wednesday's meeting, we were told they are receiving 40-60 new cases daily and that our local hospitals are seeing a record number of hospitalizations since Covid began. As of Thursday, Oct 22, Allen County is now back in the red alert zone because of rising numbers. In speaking with other school officials, it is apparent that every school is having to make tough decisions like going completely remote for a block of time, or making other adjustments depending on what is happening in their individual buildings. LCC is not unique in having to make adjustments in order to maintain the safety of our school community.

In making decisions about what to do next, we are considering not only the objective, concrete numbers shared by the Health Department and our own data over the last two weeks, but also the subjective observations from our teachers and students. While there is certainly a wide range of opinions about what is best, the comment that is most encouraging came earlier this week from an employee at the health department: "Of all the schools in the county with positive cases, you now have the lowest percentage, because what you are doing is working." Under the original LRO model, the week of Oct 5, we had 8.03% of students either isolated or quarantined. This week, our stats are 4.47% of students isolated or quarantined. Taking all of this into consideration, the decision has been made to **remain hybrid for another two weeks, from October 26 until November 6.**

Please call 419-222-4276 EXT 2009 if your student receives a positive COVID test result after normal school hours so that we can take the necessary steps to protect our students and staff as quickly as possible. The health departments currently have a large number of cases and notification to schools may be delayed, so an immediate call from parents when a student tests positive is very helpful. Timely notification of positive test results will help to avoid late notifications in the event a student should not attend school due to the need to isolate.

As a former American Government teacher, I am reminded of the preamble of the Constitution. "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, **promote the general Welfare**, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." At a time when it is very easy to think only of what is best, most convenient and easiest for ourselves, it is ever more important to think back to the intent of what our forefathers stated, when they speak of promoting the general welfare. It is our responsibility to look at the general welfare of our community and what we can do to mitigate exposure, while still offering some level of in person education.

The American Academy of Pediatrics states that "children learn best when physically present in the classroom." I believe you fundamentally agree with that too, or you would not have chosen LCC for your student. We will continue to do all we can to keep our students safe, and in school, and appreciate all you do after school hours to reinforce the recommended protocols for keeping our community safe.

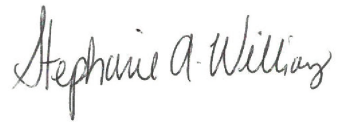
Please see the next page outlining the next few weeks.

Last names beginning with letters A-J (RED)

Last names beginning K-Z (BLUE)

M Oct. 26 Red In Person Blue LRO	T Oct. 27 Blue In Person Red LRO	W Oct. 28 Red In Person Blue LRO	TH Oct.29 Blue In Person Red LRO	F Oct. 30 No School
M Nov. 2 Red In Person Blue LRO	T Nov. 3 Blue In Person Red LRO	W Nov. 4 Red In Person Blue LRO	TH Nov. 5 Blue In Person Red LRO	F Nov. 6 Red In Person Blue LRO

Blessings,



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