

From: [SEL Schools - Do Not Reply](#)
To: [South Euclid-Lyndhurst City S Recipients](#)
Subject: A Message from the Superintendent-Update 10/19/2020
Date: Monday, October 19, 2020 4:01:30 PM

October 19, 2020

Dear SEL Parents and Guardians:

I hope this communication finds you well and safe. It has certainly been a challenging time. We, as administrators, have much gratitude for the many who have worked hard and adjusted their lives to make teaching and learning the best it can be, given the circumstances. Your flexibility and patience are greatly appreciated as we adapt and adjust to the conditions caused by the pandemic.

As you know, we review national, state, county and local COVID-19 trend data weekly. In addition, we are in contact with medical experts, healthcare professionals and board of health officials about the trend data and what it means. While I remain cautious, the district's Responsible Restart Plan indicates that we would enact a plan to return to school with a remote option, if conditions improved. Over the last several weeks district leaders have continued to prepare for the return of students to our buildings as Cuyahoga County had been designated an Orange county the previous eight weeks.

On Thursday, October 15 Cuyahoga County was designated a Red county. What I have learned during this pandemic is that things can change quickly. The beginning of the second quarter is three weeks away. At this time, we will continue to plan for the return of students to our buildings and I will continue to monitor county and local trends. Although we are a Red county, the positivity rate is much lower than when our county was Red in July.

Over the next several weeks I plan to send a communication to parents on Fridays with an update on our reopening plans. As a former working mother of three, I do understand the needs of working parents and the importance of planning ahead. This pandemic has made it very difficult to plan too far ahead as things change quickly.

There is no hard and fast threshold for a decision to revert to full remote learning. Should this need to be done, my decision will be dependent on COVID-19 trend data, our ability to manage and maintain in-person learning and the guidance/mandates we receive from the Ohio Department of Health, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, COVID-19 infection research and orders from the Governor.

As we plan for the return of students, I would like to share with parents our COVID-19 Reporting Requirements. Below is a summary:

COVID-19 Reporting

Per the Director's Order from the Ohio Department of Health, we have created a dashboard to report COVID-19 cases within our school district, as well as an email notification system, at: [SEL.Covid-19 Dashboard](#).

Requirements of the Order Requiring Reporting and Notification

Regarding COVID-19 Cases in Grades K-12 include:

- To facilitate timely contact tracing to prevent further transmission of COVID-19, any schools that provide any Kindergarten through Gr. 12 instruction shall maintain a reporting system for parents to report positive tests and/or cases of COVID-19.
- Parents or guardians of students and school staff who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, whether by laboratory test or through clinical examination, are encouraged to notify their school no later than 24 hours after receiving a confirmed diagnosis.
- Within 24 hours of becoming aware of a student, teacher, staff member or coach who has tested positive or been diagnosed with COVID-19, a school shall notify parents or guardians of students of the existence of the case in writing and share as much information as possible without disclosing protected health information (**Note: This does not include weekends**).
- School districts are encouraged to use website dashboards to inform the school community of the number of COVID-19 cases and number of students and staff isolated or quarantined, if known.

School Closures and Quarantines due to COVID-19

Each reported case of COVID-19 has unique patterns of exposure and levels of illness. Many have asked what the protocols and procedures are if a student and/or a staff member test positive or have direct exposure. Our experience tells us that there is no one-size-fits-all set of actions. We act on each case based on the unique set of circumstances and fact patterns presented. With each case, however, we do the following:

- Once notified, we immediately isolate any student or staff member in a designated room and make safe arrangements for she or he to go home, or in some cases to the hospital.
- Once notified, we make sure that the employee, student or family member has contacted their physician and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.
- We also contact the CCBH, present what we know and receive guidance and recommendations as to next steps.
- We work with the CCBH, employees and families in obtaining contact and exposure information.
- The CCBH conducts contact tracing and keeps us informed.
- We contact all staff members and students who may have been exposed in accordance with CCBH guidelines.
- The CCBH will contact individuals who are not our students and employees.
- We will contact school officials in other districts if our employees and students may have exposed students, families or employees from other schools.
- We make quarantine and closure decisions based on the recommendations and guidance from the CCBH.
- Quarantining can include isolating an individual, small and large groups of students, a classroom and grade levels, depending on the exposure patterns.
- Closures can include a school, several schools, a program or the school district.
- We observe all privacy rights.

I cannot stress enough, the importance of adhering to all safety and health protocols. It will help prevent spread and keep students and staff in school and participating in the activities they love.

Return to School-Base Instruction (Based off July Parent Declarations)

As we prepare for the return of our students for the second nine weeks of school, I would like to share some key factors guiding our decisions.

- Honoring the original parent declaration from July for the **first semester**
- A remote option for those families not comfortable returning to in-person learning
- Maintaining six feet of social distancing in classrooms
- As much as possible, maintaining a schedule similar to the current remote learning schedule
- Consideration of the school-based schedule start and end times for school day presented in the "Responsible Restart Plan"

For planning purposes, below are student arrival and dismissal times. A more detailed bell schedule will be forthcoming from your child's building principal.

Student Arrival/Dismissal

K-3	8:10 am - 2:00 pm
4-6	7:20 am - 1:20 pm
7-8	7:45 am - 2:10 pm
9-12	7:45 am - 2:00 pm

Open House

Student Open Houses are being planned for those students transitioning into new buildings. More information will be forthcoming from your child's building principal.

I encourage you to view our Board Meeting via live stream on Tuesday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m. to hear more about our reopening plans ([click here for link to Board Meeting](#)). Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Reid
Superintendent

You are receiving this email because of your relationship with South Euclid-Lyndhurst City S. If you wish to stop receiving email updates sent through the Blackboard service, please [unsubscribe](#).

South Euclid-Lyndhurst City S | 5044 MAYFIELD RD, LYNDHURST, OH 44124 | 216-691-2000