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COVID-19 Health-related Notice: Long Valley Middle School Move to Full Remote Learning Through Dec. 8th

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Faculty/Staff of the Washington Township Schools Community:

I am writing to provide the community with an update about the notification I shared on 11/24/21 when I announced the 6th grade would move to full remote learning in response to a community event outbreak. As I indicated on 11/24, we would continue to monitor the situation closely. Our school nurses and school leaders continued to receive reports of positive cases, and conducted contact tracing over the past 48 hours.

Presently, 29 positive cases of Covid-19 have been reported linked to the Sky Zone event with additional cases also linked with siblings associated with the event. All close contacts linked with all cases continue to be notified and guided accordingly.

In close consultation with the local health department, the district medical inspector, and out of an abundance of caution for the safety of our students and staff, **LVMS will move to full remote learning effective immediately and continuing through Wednesday, December 8th.** Presently, we plan to welcome all students back for full in person instruction on Thursday, December 9th.

With this significant spike in cases, the sooner we stop the spread the sooner we can safely return to full in person instruction. It is also important to note as positive cases rise alongside increased community and social activity outside of school, the contact tracing becomes increasingly complicated. By implementing the most aggressive mitigation strategy quickly our aim is to halt additional transmission as soon as possible.

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19 and encourage parents and students to continue following the [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19/safeguards) safeguards.

As always, we appreciate our school community's support, cooperation and partnership as we navigate the conditions of the pandemic together.

Sincerely yours,

Peter Turnamian, Ed. D.
Superintendent

c. Mark Ippolito, LVMS Principal; Michael Mirabella, LVMS Assistant Principal; Washington Township Board of Health;
Washington Township Schools School Physician; Washington Township Board of Education

RESOURCES

NJDOH COVID-19

Most Recent Resources - COVID-19 Testing Location

- ❖ **Morris County Testing Sites**
<https://www.morriscountynj.gov/Residents/Health/Coronavirus/Testing-Sites>
- ❖ **Excel UrgentCare** <http://www.excelurgentcareofchester.com>
- ❖ **PM Pediatrics** <http://pmpediatrics.com>
- ❖ **Information for Communities and the General Public:**
https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml
- ❖ **Get the Facts about Coronavirus:**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- ❖ **Symptoms of COVID-19:**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- ❖ **Testing:**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html> ;
- ❖ **How and Where to Get Tested:**
<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing>
- ❖ **How to Protect Yourself:**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
- ❖ **What to Do if You Are Sick:**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>