

Message from the Meadows

...a weekly update from Mrs. Battaglia

November 6, 2020

Hello Families,

Health and Safety As always, thank you for your understanding and support in these trying times. I have had several calls and emails asking for details about the multitude of information being shared on social media in regard to COVID cases at South Meadows. I feel it is important that you hear directly from me and the district. First and foremost, as we have repeatedly shared, the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff remains our top priority.

South Meadows and all of the Chelsea School District are using the guidance and protocol from the Washtenaw County Health Department (WCHD) to make all of our decisions in regard to COVID procedures. Once we are made aware of a possible or positive exposure, our district nurse immediately reaches out to the WCHD. Using our safety and mitigation efforts we compile as accurate information as we can to share with the county and then the WCHD uses this information to make the decisions about close contact and any quarantine procedures.

I can truly appreciate that many, if not most of you, are anxious and concerned. Please know that we will continue to report when we can and when it is appropriate. Here are some key pieces of information to keep in mind:

- We are sharing information and next steps in all possible contact or positive cases only with those directly affected or involved and protecting the privacy of individuals impacted.
- We are sharing this information in “real time”; meaning as soon as we receive direction from the WCHD, we pass it along to families.
 - Quarantine timelines are based on WCHD contact tracing directives and start on the day of the last exposure to a positive case.
 - Because it can take 3 to 4 days for test results, if anyone in your home is ill and is getting tested for COVID, it is important that you keep your child home also until those test results come back.
- The District adds confirmed positive, probable and quarantine cases to the District dashboard every week. You can view the dashboard on the District website using this link: [CSD COVID Case Dashboard](#).

Thank you for continuing to fill out a daily [Health Screener](#) each day your child is in the building for face-to-face instruction.

Student Commitment Survey Earlier today our elementary schools sent out the student commitment survey to all of you. This is your opportunity to commit to remaining in the District Phase-In model (Hybrid), the All-Virtual model or to switch your child’s learning model for the second trimester beginning Monday, November 30th. Thank you for taking the time to fill this out for each of your children. Here is a copy of the link if you need it. [Student Commitment Survey](#)

School Pictures Several families have inquired about having school pictures taken this year. As a District, we remain committed to not beginning additional visitors into our buildings; this

includes our picture vendors. Therefore, we will not be taking school pictures at this time. We will revisit this in the Spring.

School Meals Information [Support School meals](#)

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Have a great weekend,
Stacie Battaglia