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LPS Families,

As we are now a few weeks into the second semester in LPS, we wanted to take a moment to share with you several updates as we navigate through the pandemic.

- You have likely seen in media reports, this week that several school districts in the Kansas City metro and region have either canceled classes or temporarily transitioned to virtual learning due to staff and substitute shortages, significant impacts of illness, or both. As we have shared regularly, there is always the possibility we may need to temporarily close an individual classroom, a school building, or the district. While we have had minimal disruptions this school year, we are closely monitoring COVID-19 positive cases, student attendance rates, and staffing levels, and we will be committed to sharing any information regarding temporary closures in a timely manner, if necessary. Currently, we are not seeing the need for any school closures. However, we are aware that our schools and departments have challenges due to staffing, and we appreciate all they are doing to serve our students and families with in-person learning.
- Later today, many of our families will experience our newest COVID-19 tool intended to enhance communication with our families to inform them of positive cases in our schools. Our technology team has developed an automated system that will notify families if/when a COVID-19 positive individual was present in your child's classroom. If notified, there is nothing a family needs to do other than more closely monitor your child for any COVID-19 symptoms. These notifications will be distributed using the subject line *LPS COVID-19 Update* and will be delivered to affected families at approximately 5 p.m. In addition to these notifications, our buildings will also continue to share daily COVID-19 updates with families that include the number of in-district COVID-19 positive cases in their school, when needed.
- Our Health Services Team wanted us to share testing kit information in the event you would have an interest in registering to receive a COVID-19 test kit. Families are eligible to receive four in-home testing kits, and orders can be placed by [clicking here](#). As a reminder, rapid test kits continue to be available in our schools for LPS staff and students. While our reserve has decreased in recent weeks, we have additional test kits on order and should have a full supply soon.

Our *Return to Learn* web page continues to be a great resource for our families and can be accessed by [clicking here](#). Thank you for your continued support, and have a great remainder of the week!

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