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LPS Families,

We wanted to provide you with a brief update related to Covid-19 in our district and community. As our [Covid-19 District Dashboard](#) will reflect today with our latest weekly update, we are seeing a significant increase in both positive cases and quarantines among our LPS students and staff.

We continue to remain in regular communication with local health officials and have been informed that data is also trending in the wrong direction with both positive cases in our community and with hospitalizations at facilities in the northland. This information, coupled with increased staff absences due to positive cases and quarantines, is becoming problematic.

While we feel that LPS mitigation efforts in place at our schools and facilities are working, the information referenced above is concerning to us. As has been shared since this past summer, we are prepared to transition individual classrooms, individual schools, or our entire district to a virtual learning mode, if necessary. While closing a classroom has only occurred a few times this fall, we know that this remains a possibility. Earlier this week, our staff were provided with information related to virtual learning in the event this would need to occur. We would also encourage families to plan for this scenario, especially those with younger learners who would need supervision at home.

At this time, LPS plans to continue with our current *Return to Learn* plan. We do, though, feel it necessary to share with you that we are closely monitoring the situation and families need to be prepared in the event we would need to transition to a 100% virtual learning mode in the coming days or weeks at either the classroom, school, or district level.

In the meantime, we strongly encourage our families to follow the mitigation efforts that we have emphasized since the pandemic began affecting our lives several months ago. It is of utmost importance for all of us to practice these efforts while outside of our schools, especially with the holidays fast approaching. The mitigation efforts we continue to stress include:

- **Keep your child(ren) home if they are sick**
- **Wear your mask when around others**
- **Practice proper social distancing from others**
- **Regularly wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer**
- **Avoid large group gatherings**

We are committed to providing you with regular updates as this situation continues to evolve. As always, thank you for your continued patience, flexibility, and grace as we navigate through this challenging time.

Thanks for your attention, and be well!

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