

### Steps Taken Since COVID-19 Case Confirmed

Earlier today we sent a message regarding a positive COVID-19 test for an employee from Lincoln Orens Middle School. This update addresses the measures that have been taken since that message.

With the cooperation of the employee, we have identified persons that are believed to have been in direct contact with the employee, and those individuals have been notified. Those individuals have been advised to consult with medical professionals and to follow the appropriate protocols regarding self-isolation or social distancing, and will not return to District facilities until, at the earliest, that time has passed.

Out of an abundance of care, Lincoln Orens Middle School will be closed, and an outside vendor will be contracted to perform disinfection and sanitization services based on their experience with bio-hazard decontamination. Please be aware that the DOH will separately conduct an investigation regarding direct contacts of the employee, in and out of the school(s). If those results vary, any affected parties will be contacted. I know that these are stressful times for all, so we are endeavoring to provide as much information as possible.

In addition, we will have no employees in any of our other buildings next week. This will give all of us two weeks' time to monitor the health of ourselves and our family members since the individual, now with COVID-19, was last in the LOMS building.

Beginning Monday, March 23, parents/guardians of students eligible for free meals will go to St. Ignatius Church (721 W Broadway, Long Beach) with Long Beach students. Breakfast is 7:30 am-9:00 am, and lunch is 11:30 am-1:00 pm. We are grateful to Dr. Jennifer Gallagher and the Long Beach Board of Education who coordinated this on behalf of our families.

The virtual Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2020 at 7 pm will be re-scheduled for March 30, 2020 at 7 pm.

If we might ask a favor, it would be to ask that if our schoolchildren have a spare moment, they craft a "Get Well" card for our employee, who is in our thoughts and prayers and we hope will have a full and speedy recovery. While delivering those cards might not be prudent, we would ask that you take a photo of the card your child completes using your cell phone and send it to [webmaster@islandparkschools.org](mailto:webmaster@islandparkschools.org). We will have the cards posted on the district website to lift our employee's spirits.

Please remember to abide by the guidelines of local and state health authorities and, as always, stay well, stay healthy, and stay strong.