

Date: September 11, 2020

Dear East Hartford High School Community,

I am writing to you today to inform you that a student in our school community has tested positive for COVID-19. As soon as the district was made aware of this confirmed diagnosis, East Hartford Public Schools (EHPS) notified the East Hartford Department of Public Health (EHDPH) to assess the risk of transmission within the school and the entire district. Based on the guidance provided by the EHDPH, the district will be taking the following steps to keep our community safe.

- *Closure Period:* At this point the district has made the decision to close East Hartford High School for two days: **Monday, September 14** and **Tuesday, September 15, 2020**.
- *Continuity of Education:* On these two days, East Hartford High School will resume online learning. On Monday, September 14, students will log into Google Classroom to obtain the Google Meet link from each of their teacher's banners. Students will follow the A-Day schedule on Monday, September 14, and on Tuesday, September 15th, students will follow the B-Day schedule. Both days are scheduled half-days. The [EHPS Reduced Enrollment calendar](#) and [half-day schedule](#) are linked in this letter. There will be no athletic practices or after school activities held on these days, and the building will be closed to all students, staff, and visitors.
- *Contact Tracing:* Working collaboratively, the local Department of Public Health will be engaging in reaching out to all identified contacts of the individual who tested positive.
- *Deep Cleaning:* During this period, the Facilities staff will engage in deep cleaning/disinfecting the entire school with a special emphasis on areas that the individual testing positive is known to have accessed. If additional time is needed for contact tracing, or cleaning, EHPS will extend the closure basis on a daily/multi-day basis.
- *ReOpening School:* At this time, the district will ReOpen East Hartford High School on Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

We recognize the concern and fear that an announcement like this can create for you, your family and our community. As we continue to work hard to keep our community safe, this process is a part of making sure we keep you and our community safe. Please reach out to our school administration or support staff if we can be of assistance.

Thank you, as always, for your support and partnership as we work to keep our kids, faculty and community safe.



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