



Dr. Nicholas J. Spera, *Executive Director*
Denise Dunning, *Principal*

December 1, 2020

Good Afternoon ISAAC Family,

The purpose of this letter is to notify all of our ISAAC stakeholders and surrounding community when an individual associated with our school has been identified as a confirmed case of COVID-19 and has been in close contact with any individuals who works or learns at ISAAC. While we are unable to identify the individual due to the confidential nature of medical information, we want to share the steps that we will be taking to respond to this information. In collaboration with Ledge Light Health District, we have already completed all close contacts of the confirmed case of COVID-19. As previously stated, we have made the decision to **extend our full remote learning model through December 4, 2020**. In-person learning will begin again on Monday, December 7, 2020. This decision was made in collaboration with Ledge Light Health District and our District Medical Advisor.

This afternoon, school administration was notified that a person connected with ISAAC tested positive and is classified as a confirmed COVID-19 case. The last time the individual(s) has physically been in ISAAC was on Friday, November 20, 2020. Today, we were in immediate contact with Ledge Light Health District and our district medical advisor regarding this situation. Moreover, ISAAC and Ledge Light Health District immediately initiated a case investigation and contact tracing activities to identify all individuals who may have been in close contact with the Case. Anyone who is considered a “close contact” with this person has already been contacted by school officials and have been provided with instructions on the appropriate steps to take. Secondary contacts, others who may have had contact with the primary contacts but not the individual, are not considered to be at risk. It was determined that there were no close contacts with the ISAAC community.

As a reminder, individuals who have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 are referred to as “Cases.” “Close Contacts” are individuals who have spent a total of at least 15 minutes within six feet of a confirmed Case during a period of 24 hours or had a direct exposure such as being sneezed or coughed on in the face according to the CDC.

ISAAC’s Immediate Response

In the meantime, **ISAAC will remain in full remote learning through Friday, December 4, 2020**. In-person learning will begin again on Monday, December 7, 2020. During this time frame, ISAAC will conduct an intensive deep cleaning of the entire building. Moreover, all information related to case investigations is confidential and private health information will not be disclosed by ISAAC and/or Ledge Light Health District.

What This Means for You and Your Child

All members of the school community have already been advised to self-quarantine for the 14 days since their last close contact with the confirmed positive individual, per Addendum 9 of the Connecticut State Department of Education School Reopening Plan. As mentioned, **close contact** is defined by the CDC as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a total of at least 15 minutes within a 24 hour timeframe starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated. ISAAC or Ledge Light Health District will always notify you if this action is necessary.

With the increase in COVID-19 cases locally, it is vital that if your child is sick, that they stay home and that our school and their healthcare provider are contacted. We encourage you to continue social distancing, washing your hands, avoiding gatherings, and monitoring symptoms. If at any time, you or your child begin to develop symptoms of COVID-19 (such as cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell), please keep your child home from school and call your healthcare provider for next steps. It is recommended that you call ahead to your healthcare provider before going to the physician’s office, clinic, urgent care, or emergency room so they can be prepared for your arrival. They may also refer you to a testing clinic.

The safety of our ISAAC community is our top priority. ISAAC and Ledge Light Health District are committed to maintaining a safe environment for all students and staff. We will continue to proactively monitor illnesses of students and staff, apply cleaning protocols, wear face coverings, and ensure social distancing practices. Moreover, we will continue to review the circumstances of this case and will make any necessary adjustments in our plans. While we understand that these times are unsettling, we are committed to keeping you informed about any additional information obtained. We appreciate your support and understanding in these challenging times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Spera', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Nicholas J. Spera
Executive Director

We believe that all students can succeed with hard work and grit.