



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

October 19, 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 work or learn at ISAAC. While we are unable to identify the individual due to the confidential nature of the medical information, we want to share the steps we will be taking to respond to this information. **In addition, as with this specific case, it has been concluded by Ledge Light Health District that this individual had no close contacts in the school community.**

This morning, Monday, October 19, 2020, 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 has physically been in ISAAC was on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. 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 been contacted or will be contacted by school or local health officials and will be provided with instructions on the appropriate steps to take. For this case, no members of the school community were considered close contacts. Secondary contacts, others who may have had contact with the primary contacts but not the individual, are not considered to be at risk in this current situation.

As a reminder, individuals who have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 are referred to as “Cases.” “Contacts” are individuals who spent at least 15 minutes within six feet of a confirmed Case 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 open as scheduled.** Everyday ISAAC is thoroughly cleaned with Wednesdays being designated for deep cleaning of the entire building. Moreover, Ledge Light Health District and our district medical advisor has deemed that it is safe to remain open as scheduled. All information related to case investigations is confidential and private health information will not be disclosed by ISAAC and Ledge Light Health District.

What This Means for You and Your Child

Because it was determined that this individual had no close contacts in the school community, no members of the school community will be advised to self-quarantine for the 14 days since 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 at least 15 minutes 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.