



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

October 7, 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 one or more individuals at ISAAC. While we are unable to identify the individual(s) due to the confidential nature of the medical information, we want to share the steps we will be taking to respond to this information.

On Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 5:57 pm, school administration was notified that a visitor with minimum exposure to the school community tested positive and is classified as a confirmed COVID-19 case. The last time the individual has physically been inside ISAAC was on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. The person was confined to and never moved beyond the first floor. 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 have 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. 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. 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. This evening the school will receive a deep clean prior to tomorrow’s school day to ensure that our school building is safe for our students and staff to learn, work, and grow.

ISAAC and Ledge Light Health District will continue to work cooperatively to ensure that all Contacts have information on how to protect themselves and others. 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

If your child was in close contact with the confirmed positive individual, you will be contacted by ISAAC and/or Ledge Light Health District and your child will be advised to self-quarantine for 14 days since last class cohort or 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 notify you if this action is necessary.

As a reminder, if your child is sick, stay home and contact your healthcare provider. 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.