**Pool Testing Next Week**:

As we’ve done previously in the year, the school will not be conducting the Monday pooled testing due to the Memorial Day holiday. We will only be pool testing on Thursday next week. Please help screen your child for COVID by using an at-home test on Sunday or Monday.

**Health Metrics update this week:**

To view the metrics for LPS, please see the [COVID dashboard](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRnQPa8FEUED-R4WFIJPmX83hYM_cUeY-BL_RJ8bb4yPkd0myerYUyKhbsw13FZU5zhW-m89BxkTO_n/pub)which is updated every Friday evening. Last weekend’s [update from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's COVID-19 wastewater tracker](https://www.mwra.com/biobot/biobotdata.htm) shows COVID levels declining somewhat. This may be an indication that the current surge of the new Omicron variant may start to decrease.

Please continue to actively monitor for symptoms every day and if any develop for your child, please keep them home and test for COVID.

**Updated** [**quarantine/isolation protocol**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-isolation-and-quarantine-guidance-for-children-in-child-care-k-12-out-of-school-time-ost-and-recreational-campprogram-settings) **for students: \*\*\*\***(updated 5/25)\*\*\*\*

* Quarantine for asymptomatic exposed children, regardless of where the exposure occurred, is no longer required for these settings. Children who are identified as close contacts may continue to attend programming as long as they remain asymptomatic. Those who can mask should do so until Day 10. A test on Days 2 and 5 is recommended, but not required.
* Children who test positive must isolate for at least 5 days. If they are asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and they have been fever free for 24 hours, they may return to programming after Day 5, provided:
	+ If the child is able to mask, they must do so through Day 10.
	+ If the child is unable to mask, they must have a negative test on Day 5 or later in order to return to programming prior to day 11.
* Symptomatic children can remain in their school or program if they are tested immediately onsite, and that test is negative. Best practice would also include wearing a mask, if possible, until symptoms are fully resolved.
	+ If the symptomatic child cannot be tested immediately, they should be sent home and allowed to return to their program or school if they test negative, or they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and their symptoms have resolved, or if a medical professional makes an alternative diagnosis. A negative test is strongly recommended for return if the latter two conditions are met.

**Reminder - If your child tests positive for COVID, they must follow the isolation protocol. Please inform the school nurse as well.sengers, regardless of vaccination status, must show a negative**

**Vaccine Clinic**:

The Littleton Public Schools/Town of Littleton is hosting another VaxinateRX Clinic at the Middle School Cafe on Wednesday June 8th from 3:00pm-5pm. The VaxinateRX Clinic will be offering the following:

* 2nd boosters for anyone 50+ (must be 4 months out from 1st booster)
* 1st and 2nd doses of Pfizer and Moderna Vaccines for Pediatrics ages 5-11
* NEW: 1st booster for 5-11 year olds (must be 5 months out after second dose)
* Pfizer and Moderna Boosters for 12 year olds and older

Please click on the link below to make an appointment:

<https://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2180061935?schedule=littletonschools>

**Order Free At-home rapid tests!**

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order a 3rd round of free rapid tests for COVID. Go to

<https://www.covid.gov/tests> and order yours today!

Some helpful resources to help support you and your child(ren) in the aftermath after the tragic event in the school in Uvalde, Texas:

National Association of School Psychologists: [**Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers**](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-safety-and-crisis/school-violence-resources/talking-to-children-about-violence-tips-for-parents-and-teachers)

The  [American School Counselor Association](https://www.schoolcounselor.org/Publications-Research/Publications/Free-ASCA-Resources/After-a-School-Shooting) has a [**resource page**](https://www.schoolcounselor.org/Publications-Research/Publications/Free-ASCA-Resources/After-a-School-Shooting) dedicated to helping students after a school shooting.