



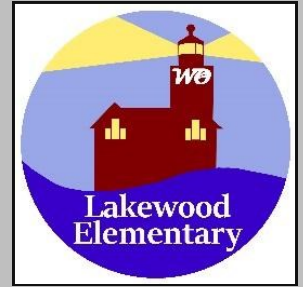
# West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing Students to Be College, Career and Life Ready!

## Lakewood Newsletter

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Michael Ghareeb Principal

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### Greetings Lakewood Families,

Although things are not quite normal, we are off to a very strong start to the school year! The first two weeks have been spent with the teachers getting to know their new students, reinforcing our building wide expectations and of course, a strong emphasis on teaching and learning. The children have seemed to adapt well to the new protocols and appear to be enjoying time with their classmates. We are excited to have everyone back and can't wait to see what we can accomplish even in these unprecedented times.

Picture day next week Friday (September 18). Picture order forms will be sent home with each child today. If you are engaging in virtual learning, you may feel free to call the office to arrange a time to pick up your order form or you can utilize the online option that was sent to each home via Infinite Campus. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

During drop off and pick up, it is very important that parents stay in their vehicles. If you have to get out of the vehicle, please be sure to pull all the way to the end of the parking lot to avoid causing traffic issues. In addition, please do not block the entrance to the staff/bus lot. It is important that the busses can easily get in and out of the lot to assure timely transportation. Also, please do not park in the parent lot (south entrance) and drop off or pick up children. It is very dangerous for children to cross between the cars that are dropping off and picking up. Finally, for the safety of all, parents are not permitted to be on the sidewalk where children enter or exit. We are diligently trying to keep all of the children in their respective cohorts and when an outside presence enters the cohort, it adds additional safety concerns.

I realize that all of this is new and somewhat confusing, but every precaution that we have put in place revolves around the safety of our Lakewood community. This is very difficult for the Lakewood staff as well especially since Lakewood's culture is built around relationships. Hopefully what we are doing will keep everyone as safe as possible.

Sincerely,

Michael Ghareeb

### Important Dates:

**September 14 & 15**  
Acadience Testing

**September 18**  
Picture day

**October 22**  
Parent Teacher  
Conferences  
1-4pm and 5-8pm

Students Half day  
**Dismissal at 11:52**

**October 27**  
Parent Teacher  
Conferences 5-8pm

Picture Re-Takes

**October 30**  
No School



Our specialists will be giving grade level updates in our next newsletter.



**Please Call the office if your child will be absent due to illness. Be sure to note your child's name, teacher, and symptoms.**

**We also need a call if your child is out due to pre-planned absences or appointments. Thank You**

**616-786-1300 press 1 for the attendance line**

**\*See the next page for our Covid symptom guidelines**

## Environmental Club Of Lakewood (ECO Lakewood)

Help make Lakewood a greener place! Meet with other 4-5th grade students interested in taking care of the environment and put together projects to make your home, school, and community greener. We will talk about litter, recycling, invasive species, water quality, and other projects to improve Lakewood. Meetings will be held online once a month for an hour. Contact us to let us know you're interested!

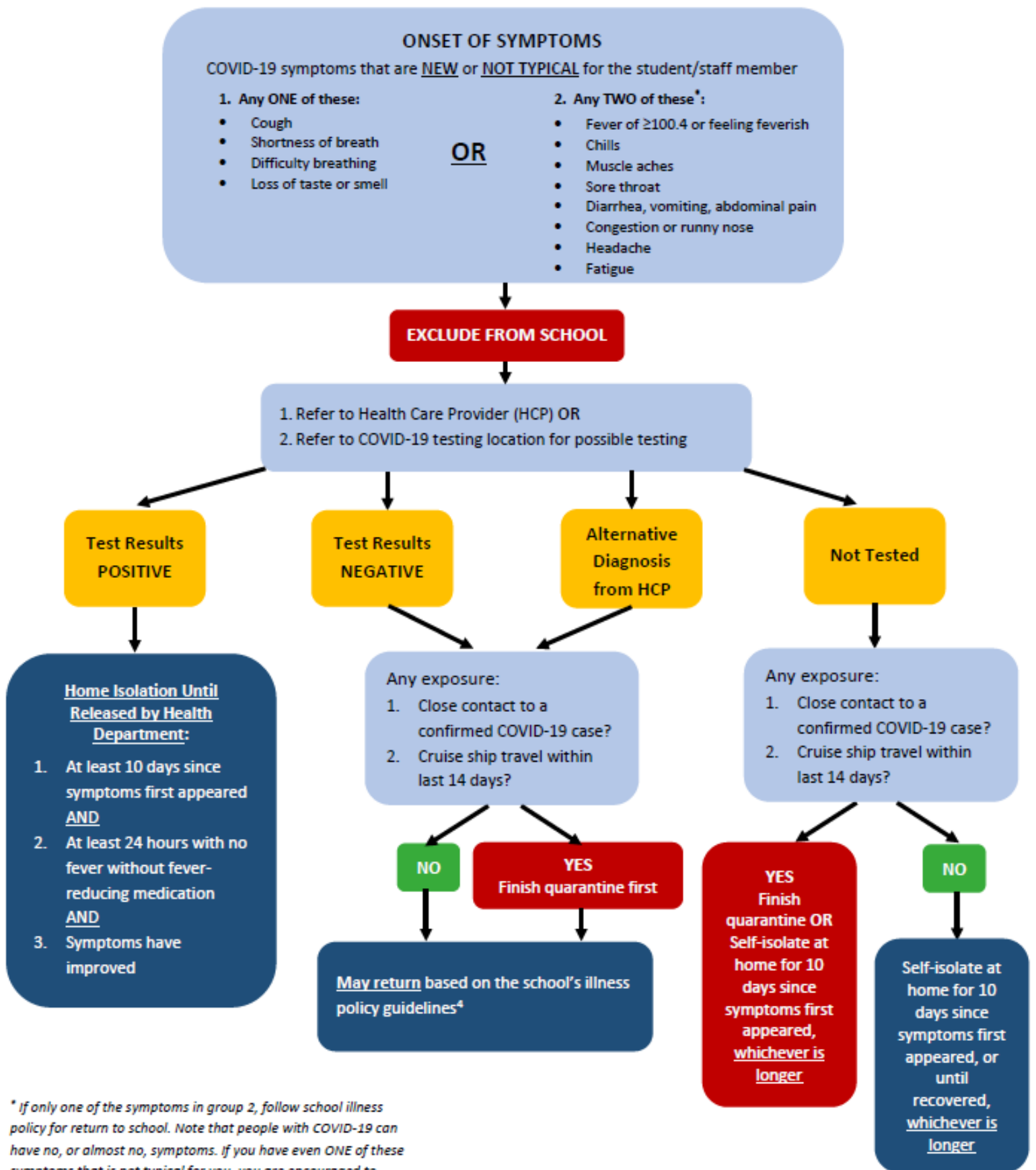


Hi! My name is Sarah Brown. I'm a high school junior and former Lakewood student who wants to help current Lakewood students care for their environment and make their school a better place. I'll be leading/facilitating this club for any student interested in participating, and I look forward to hearing your ideas!

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FIGURE 1. FLOWCHART FOR SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS (STUDENTS OR STAFF MEMBERS)



\* If only one of the symptoms in group 2, follow school illness policy for return to school. Note that people with COVID-19 can have no, or almost no, symptoms. If you have even ONE of these symptoms that is not typical for you, you are encouraged to seek testing.