



Holton Public Schools

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December 10, 2020

Dear Holton Community,

On December 9, 2020, we learned about one School Associated Case of COVID-19 in a staff person at Holton Middle and High School. Cleaning and disinfecting of the exposed location(s) has been performed. The positive individual has not been in school since December 3, 2020. No close contacts have been identified at school.

Holton Middle and High School are currently following our remote learning plan. However, some students and staff are still reporting to school so we want to be sure to report cases transparently. We are working closely with the Public Health - Muskegon County to identify Close Contacts of School Associated Cases of COVID-19. Anyone identified as a Close Contact will be notified by the school or health department as a part of the COVID-19 investigation process. Please answer the phone if the school or health department contacts you, as a contact tracer may be trying to reach you with important information. **It is important to understand that Public Health - Muskegon County is overwhelmed and not able to investigate every positive case. If identified as a close contact, please quarantine. This is very important to limiting the spread of COVID-19.**

We recommend taking action to help limit the spread of COVID-19, even if staff members or students are not experiencing symptoms:

- **Wear a mask** (covering mouth and nose) while in public places or if people who do not live with you must visit your home.
- **Practice social distancing** (maintaining a distance of 6 feet apart).
- **Practice frequent handwashing** (using soap for 20 seconds or hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol).
- **Follow capacity restrictions** of social gatherings.
- **Cover coughs and sneezes** with a tissue or with the inside of your elbow and immediately wash your hands.
- **Stay home if you are sick**; you can also get tested.

Thank you for understanding that, due to medical privacy laws, we are not able to release the names of the individuals with COVID-19. We will continue to communicate changes and updates with you. With your participation, we believe we can maintain a safe environment while also providing quality education.

If you have any questions, contact Public Health - Muskegon County at (231) 724-1203. For answers to your COVID-19 questions, please call the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 or visit Michigan.gov/coronavirus.

Sincerely,

Dr. Adam Bayne
Superintendent