



## Holton Public Schools

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Dear Holton Families:

Over the last three weeks, Muskegon County has continued to experience a decline in COVID-19 case positivity, case incidence, and hospital capacity stabilization. The improvement in these indicators is giving hope that we may be transitioning out of this two year pandemic. Although Muskegon County is still considered a “High” transmission county, should these trends continue, changes to our Safety Protocols may be occurring in the next few weeks. Here is what you can expect to change should we continue to experience declines in case positivity and cases of COVID-19 in accordance with current CDC Recommendations:

- **Masking Requirement:** Masks will no longer be required for students, staff, and visitors should the county transition to substantial, moderate, or low transmission according to the CDC Risk Level Framework. This may occur sooner depending upon changes in local and state recommendations. Masks will remain as a requirement on all district transportation and in accordance with quarantine and isolation guidelines for COVID+ students and staff.
- **Contact Tracing:** Due to the low transmission in schools, we will discontinue any contact tracing in classrooms when the county is no longer considered “high” transmission. This is in accordance with Public Health - Muskegon County recommendations. Certain circumstances and in-home contacts may still be notified.

There are multiple efforts that will remain to help mitigate spread in our schools. These include maintaining smaller class sizes, antigen testing availability both in school and home kits, increased custodial staff, and our recently installed ionization units to improve overall air quality.

Our efforts to maintain in person schooling by following public health recommendations have prevented us from experiencing closure due to illness and we have met our attendance requirements everyday this year. The last two years have been incredibly challenging. I am hopeful that in the coming weeks we see the end of the pandemic.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Holton Public Schools. The best way ahead is together!

With Great Respect and Pride,

Dr. Adam Bayne, Superintendent