

Holton Public Schools "Rooted in Community, Reaching for Excellence, Ready for the Future"

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October 27, 2020

Dear Holton Community,

On October 26, 2020, we learned about at least one School Associated Case of COVID-19 in a student or staff person at Holton Middle School. Cleaning and disinfecting of the exposed location(s) has been completed.

Holton Middle School will remain **OPEN** at this time. 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 health department as a part of the COVID-19 investigation process. Please answer the phone if the health department contacts you, as a contact tracer may be trying to reach you with important information.

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 <u>capacity restrictions</u> 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 <u>Michigan.gov/coronavirus</u>.

Sincerely,

Dr. Adam Bayne Superintendent