

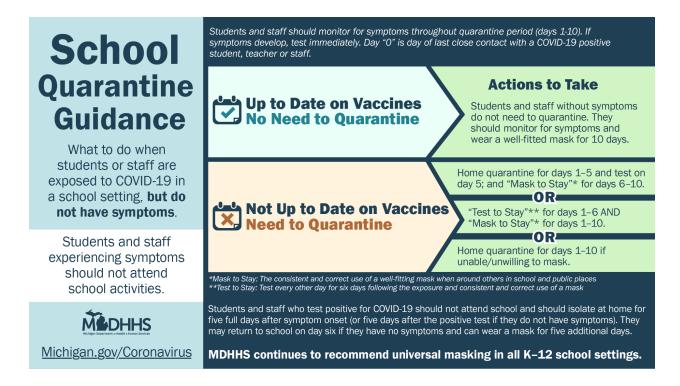
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Dear Holton Families:

Recently, MDHHS issued updated guidance for K-12 Schools regarding quarantine and isolation. Public Health - Muskegon County made this guidance effective immediately. The changes reflect changes at the CDC that reduce the number of days of isolation and quarantine so that individuals can stay or return to work and school sooner. The guidance is confusing and depends on several variables. Variables such as symptoms, up to date vaccination, ability/willingness to mask, and testing all contribute to the number of days students and staff need to be out of school. In home exposure vs. at school exposure is also handled differently. Below is what MDHHS has shared to explain this guidance:



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We are working to implement this new guidance. We do ask for patience and grace as the changes are very different and require a bit more time for us to determine return to school dates.

The end of the first semester is this week and for many of our secondary students exams have begun. We are also experiencing a large number of students who are out of school due to the surge in cases. Teachers are ready to accommodate our students who are absent during exams.

For those students who were in quarantine or isolation before the new guidance, we are working on a plan to contact you and change dates of return. You are also welcome to call the building or district office and we will work through the new guidance with you.

Finally, regarding the new guidance, the option to shorten a COVID+ isolation period to 5 days is only if there are improved or no symptoms, fever free for 24 hours, and a willingness to wear a mask at all times for days 6-10. During days 6-10, lunch should be eaten distanced from others in the cafeteria. If your child has tested positive and is returning to school prior to day 10, please remind them to eat distanced from others in the cafeteria.

I am hopeful that the new guidance will return students to school sooner and continue to provide in person instruction.

Thank you for your support! The best way forward is together!

Respectfully,

Dr. Adam Bayne Superintendent