



Holton Public Schools

“Rooted in Community, Reaching for Excellence, Ready for the Future”

Elementary Office – (231) 821-1825 • Middle School Office – (231) 821-1775
High School Office – (231) 821-1725 • Athletic Office – (231) 821-1930

August 24, 2021

Dear Holton Families:

In accordance with Holton Board of Education Policy and recommendation by Public Health, the Board of Education approved requiring indoor facial coverings for all students, staff, and visitors effective August 24, 2021. The Holton Board of Education will review public health data and recommendations at each board meeting to make changes to our Safety Protocols to ensure the safety and welfare of our students. The updated Safety Protocols from our [Back to School Plan](#) are included. Masks are available in all of our building offices.

The Board’s decision was grounded in the safety and welfare of our students and staff. This decision is also an effort to keep our schools open as we continue to navigate the ongoing pandemic which includes quarantine and isolation disruptions to learning. Mask wearing is a variable that can keep students and staff in school instead of going into quarantine.

These are not easy times or decisions. Holton Public Schools will not grow weary in our commitment to the health and safety of our students, staff, and community.

I will continue to update you on changes to our [Back To School Plan](#).

We are excited for a great school year!

With Great Respect,

Dr. Adam Bayne
Superintendent



Holton Public Schools

“Rooted in Community, Reaching for Excellence, Ready for the Future”

Elementary Office – (231) 821-1825 • Middle School Office – (231) 821-1775

High School Office – (231) 821-1725 • Athletic Office – (231) 821-1930

Safety Protocols - Universal Masks Required

Face Coverings - Indoors	As recommended by Public Health - Muskegon County, CDC, and multiple medical associations, face coverings are required indoors for all students, staff, and visitors regardless of vaccination. This may change as we will adhere to any changes in public health orders.
Face Coverings - Transportation	As required by the CDC and legal recommendation, all students and staff are required to wear a face covering on district provided transportation.
Daily Screening	Students and staff should not report to school if they feel sick or have been ordered to isolate and/or quarantine by Public Health or a physician.
Athletics	There currently are no required safety protocols for athletics. We will follow MHSAA and MDHHS guidance.
Quarantine, Testing, and Recovery	Holton Public Schools are required to follow the requirements from Public Health - Muskegon County in the event of a symptomatic student or staff member or a positive test result. Public Health - Muskegon County will direct the process for quarantine and contact tracing. Rapid testing is available for students and staff if requested and test kit availability.
Symptom Monitoring	Students and staff feeling ill should not attend school or any school events. Symptomatic students sent home from school should be kept home in accordance with protocols established by the local health department. Students and staff who have been exposed to or tested positive for COVID-19 should remain home as directed by the local health department.
Hand Washing	All students and staff should wash hands frequently. If soap and water are not available, students and staff should use alcohol-based hand sanitizer, which will be provided.
Social Distancing	To help support social distancing, class sizes will be reduced with added staff. Students and staff are encouraged to maintain social distance of at least 3 feet and wear a face covering indoors.
Visitors	Parents and visitors are allowed in the building in accordance with board policy and procedures. All parents and visitors must adhere to district safety protocols. Facial coverings are required for all visitors.
Air Quality	The district is working to install ionization units in all classrooms to reduce pathogens, allergies, and improve overall indoor air quality.
Food Service	For students in attendance at school, school meals will be served in buildings. Social distancing will be encouraged. Once per week, meal kits will be provided to virtual students who elect to receive these meals.