



## Harbor Springs Public Schools

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March 31, 2021

Dear Harbor Springs Public Schools Community:

I hope that everyone in our school community is enjoying a relaxing, fun, and safe spring break. It is hard to believe that when we return to school on April 6, there are only a couple of months of school left!

On March 28 and 29 I had sent out communications regarding positive COVID cases at Harbor Springs High School. Since then, the District has had two more positive cases on March 29 and 30. The purpose of this letter is to give an update on the present status. The following are positive COVID cases that have been reported since the beginning of spring break:

- March 28: HSHS 11<sup>th</sup> grade student (exposures on March 22, 23, 24, and 25) \*
- March 29: HSHS 10<sup>th</sup> grade student (exposures on March 24 and 25) \*
- March 29: HSHS 12<sup>th</sup> grade student (exposures on March 19, 22, 23, 24, and 25)
- March 30: HSHS 9<sup>th</sup> grade student (exposures on March 24 and 25)

\*Previously reported to the community

We have concluded contact tracing for these positive cases, and all parents/guardians of close contacts have been contacted and given quarantine dates for their students. All parents/guardians should continue to monitor their children for onset of symptoms related to COVID-19 including fever, cough, difficulty breathing, headache, sore throat, runny nose/congestion, diarrhea, or new fatigue. If you note any change in the health of your child, please call your primary care provider. Our school nurse, Jennie Dodge, can also perform rapid antigen testing if your child is experiencing symptoms.

On April 6, all students ages 13 and over (12 years old optional) participating in spring athletics at HSMS and HSHS will be required to undergo COVID testing, per the [MDHHS Emergency Epidemic Order](#) issued on March 19 (section 6f) and the [MDHHS Interim Guidance for Athletics](#) issued on March 20. The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) has also issued [guidance for testing spring sports participants](#) on March 24. Students on the baseball team will be tested on April 5. The school will carry out the testing following the guidelines as set forth by MDHHS and MHSAA.

As we approach the completion of spring break, I strongly encourage our students and families to remain vigilant and practice COVID precautions by following the CDC, MDHHS, and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. Our goal is, and always has been, to keep school open for face-to-face learning while balancing the health and safety of our students, staff, families, and community.

Sincerely,

Michael Behrmann  
Superintendent of Schools