



**Harbor Springs
Public Schools**

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May 8, 2021

Dear Harbor Springs Public Schools Community:

The purpose of this letter is to give a brief update on our COVID status. This past week, we had three positive COVID cases:

- 5th and 8th grade students at Harbor Springs Middle School
- 10th grade student at Harbor Springs High School

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has updated its options for contact tracing and quarantine of students. Schools now have the options of reducing contact tracing to 3 feet or less and shortening quarantine periods to 10 days. I will be recommending these changes to the Board of Education at our regular meeting on May 10, 2021. These guidelines will be put into place in classrooms. All other mitigation measures will be kept in place as part of our Return to School Roadmap: mask wearing inside our classrooms and schools, sanitization, keeping students spread out as much as possible, and hand washing.

I'm also pleased to say that as we continue with the weekly testing of athletes, we reported no positive cases this week. Additionally, the number of students on quarantine is the lowest it has been in several weeks. As the MDHHS continues to further revise their guidelines for quarantine of students, contact tracing, indoor and outdoor activities, capacities at gatherings, and the wearing of face masks, we will work closely with our local health department to consider further changes in our COVID guidelines.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has asked us to share a [schedule of vaccination clinics](#) for the upcoming week. As always, I thank you for your support as we enter into the final stretch of the school year.

Sincerely,

Michael Behrmann
Superintendent of Schools