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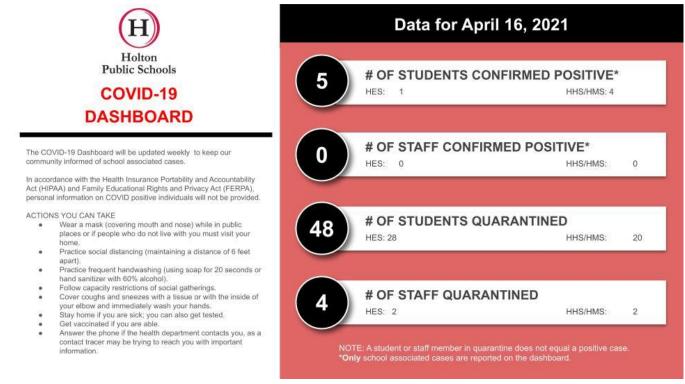
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April 16, 2021

Dear Holton Community,

School associated cases of COVID-19 and the resulting quarantines have increased substantially this week. This is raising concern that the need to transition to remote learning is necessary as more and more students and staff are in quarantine or isolation. **At this time, school will be in person on Monday, April 19, 2021.** However, should cases and quarantine continue to increase we will move into remote instruction. This plan has been developed with the recommendation from Public Health - Muskegon County on how the district should respond to our increasing cases. Communication will be provided on Monday to inform you if we do transition to remote learning. Community spread is high at this time. Please be diligent by wearing masks, maintaining social distance, washing your hands, staying home when sick, and following quarantine if exposed to COVID-19.

We are updating our notification process for COVID-19 cases associated with the school. Rather than daily notifications as we learn about cases, a weekly dashboard updated every Friday and posted to our website. The updated dashboard will give an update on the current number of school related positive cases in students and staff and the number of students and staff in quarantine. We will notify close contacts within 24 hours of learning of a positive case. This week's dashboard is posted at https://www.holtonschools.com/ourdistrict/community/covid---19-information/. You can also see the data below:



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We recommend taking action to help limit the spread of COVID-19 including:

- 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.
- Stay home if you have or have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Participate in our weekly Rapid Antigen Testing Program.
- Get vaccinated if you are able.

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 Michigan.gov/coronavirus.

Sincerely,

Dr. Adam Bayne Superintendent