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Dear Holton Community,

Below is this week's COVID-19 Dashboard which includes new and current school associated COVID-19 cases. For the first time in over a year, we have zero cases to report! I am told that MDHHS will be rescinding the requirement for school districts to report COVID-19 cases each week so this may be the last dashboard until we are directed otherwise. We will still work with Public Health - Muskegon County to notify you of potential exposure and follow quarantine and isolation guidance.

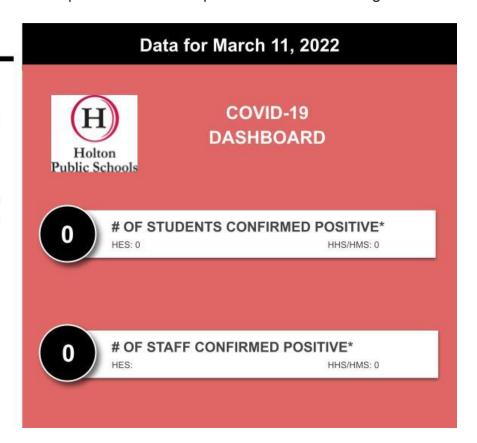
The COVID-19 Dashboard will be updated weekly to keep our community informed of school associated cases.

In accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), personal information on COVID positive individuals will not be provided.

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

- Wear a mask (covering mouth and nose) if you are sick or have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Practice social distancing (maintaining a distance of 6 feet apart).
- Practice frequent handwashing (using soap for 20 seconds or hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol).
- 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.
- Get vaccinated if you are able.

NOTE: With changes to MDHHS K-12 Recommendations we will no longer be reporting quarantine cases. With "Test to Stay" options and testing, most close contacts can continue to come to school.



We do still have rapid testing available. To test, a <u>consent form</u> must be on file. Testing is completely voluntary. Contact any of our offices if you would like your child to be tested.

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

• Wear a mask (covering mouth and nose) following MDHHS guidance regarding isolation and quarantine.



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- Get vaccinated if you are able. Children ages 5-11 are eligible to receive a Pfizer vaccination. <u>The COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Handbook</u> has information about vaccination for COVID-19. You can also contact your pediatrician's office to learn more about this vaccine.

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 can maintain a safe environment while also providing quality, undisrupted 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.

Thank you again for your support. With your partnership, we can keep our students, staff, and community safe and our schools open throughout the 2021-22 School Year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Adam Bayne, Superintendent