



## Holton Public Schools

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September 28, 2021

Dear Holton Families:

Last night, at the Holton Board of Education meeting the Board approved continuing the requirement for indoor facial coverings for all students, staff, and visitors **and approved a student mask waiver to be signed by a parent/guardian to exempt student mask use through the 2021-2022 school year.** A new waiver must be completed for your child to be exempt for the mask requirement but will be applicable for the remainder of the school year. This waiver is available in all district offices and is enclosed.

**Regardless of the waiver, masks are still required on district transportation due to a federal order.** The Holton Board of Education will review public health data and recommendations again at the October 4, 2021 board meeting to determine if any changes need to be made to our Safety Protocols. Masks continue to be available in all of our building offices.

These are not easy times or decisions. Holton Public Schools will continue to support the health and safety of our students, staff, and community and work to minimize disruptions to your child’s learning.

I will continue to update you on any changes. Thank you for your messages of support and encouragement during these unprecedented times.

With Great Respect,

Dr. Adam Bayne  
Superintendent



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### Safety Protocols - Universal Masks Required

<b>Face Coverings - Indoors</b>	As recommended by Public Health - Muskegon County, CDC, and multiple medical associations, face coverings <b>are required indoors for all students, staff, and visitors regardless of vaccination.</b> This may change as we will adhere to any changes in public health orders. Student mask waivers are available for parents/guardians to sign providing an option to not adhere to this requirement.
<b>Face Coverings - Transportation</b>	As required by the CDC and legal recommendation, all students and staff are <b>required</b> to wear a face covering on district provided transportation.
<b>Daily Screening</b>	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.
<b>Athletics</b>	There currently are no required safety protocols for athletics. We will follow MHSAA and MDHHS guidance.
<b>Quarantine, Testing, and Recovery</b>	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.
<b>Symptom Monitoring</b>	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.
<b>Hand Washing</b>	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.
<b>Social Distancing</b>	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.
<b>Visitors</b>	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. <b>Facial coverings are required for all visitors.</b>
<b>Air Quality</b>	The district is working to install ionization units in all classrooms to reduce pathogens, allergies, and improve overall indoor air quality.
<b>Food Service</b>	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.



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### NOTICE AND WAIVER FOR STUDENTS REGARDING MASKS

I agree that \_\_\_\_\_ herein referred to as **MINOR** has my permission to attend school in

*circle one:*

Holton Elementary

Holton Middle School

Holton High School

which will take place at **Holton Public Schools** herein referred to as **SCHOOL DISTRICT** during the 2021-2022 school year.

Holton Public Schools requires students to wear face masks during some or all of the school day to prevent the spread of COVID-19. I request that my child not be required to wear a face mask while at school for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year. I understand that:

1. the CDC, MDHHS, and Public Health - Muskegon County strongly recommend all students, staff, and visitors to wear a mask indoors;
2. by not wearing a face mask at school, my child may be at increased risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19;
3. if my child demonstrates symptoms of COVID-19, tests positive for COVID-19, or is in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, I will promptly notify my child's principal;
4. if my child demonstrates symptoms of COVID-19, tests positive for COVID-19, or is in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, my child may be required to remain out of school for 10-14 days as directed by public health officials;
5. my signature below confirms that I will comply with the District's quarantine and isolation rules if my student is deemed a close contact or tests positive;
6. face coverings are required on all district provided transportation and this requirement cannot be waived;
7. changes in orders from local or state health departments may invalidate this face covering waiver;
8. my signature below certifies that I understand these risks and agree to be bound by the following waiver, on my behalf and on behalf of my minor student, to the maximum extent permitted by law:

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_