



Holton Public Schools

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April 23, 2021

Dear Holton Community,

Thank you for your continued flexibility and support as we respond to the surge of COVID-19 cases in our community. **We are excited to return to in person instruction on Monday, April 26!** Below is this week’s COVID-19 Dashboard which includes new school associated COVID-19 cases and the number of students and staff in quarantine. Although we have some increased quarantines, 36 students and 3 staff members will be returning to school next week.



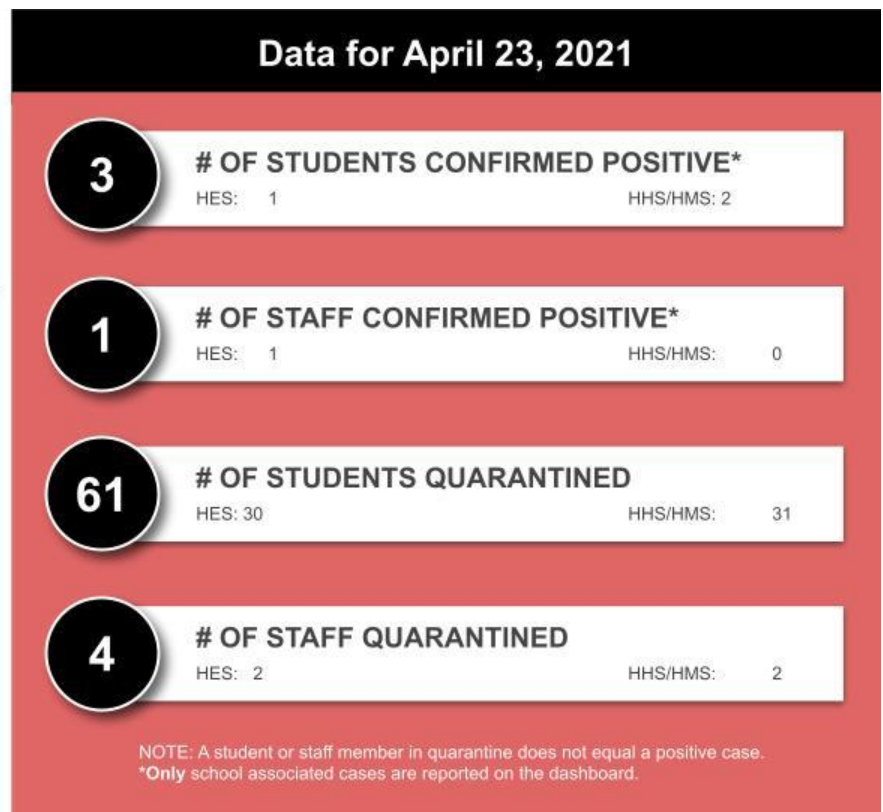
**Holton
Public Schools
COVID-19
DASHBOARD**

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) 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 capacity restrictions 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.
- Get vaccinated if you are able.
- Answer the phone if the health department contacts you, as a contact tracer may be trying to reach you with important information.



We will continue to implement our Rapid Antigen Testing Program schedule. This program helps us avoid outbreaks by identifying positive cases quickly. To sign up, a [consent form](#) must be on file. The program is completely voluntary and you can sign up and discontinue participation at any time. It is recommended that testing occurs once per week. The schedule is as follows:



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Building/Group	Day/Time	Location
Student Athletes	Mondays 1PM-3PM	MS/HS Fitness Center
Elementary Students	Mondays 9AM-10AM	Elementary Locker room
MS/HS Students	Tuesdays 8AM-9AM	MS/HS Fitness Center

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 capacity restrictions** 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.

Thank you again for your support. We look forward to seeing our in person students on Monday! We will get through this together!

Sincerely,

Dr. Adam Bayne
Superintendent