



Greeting Harlan Families and Happy New Year!,

I would like to extend best wishes to all for a happy and healthy 2022! The first day returning after a vacation brings lots of excitement and it was a pleasure to have all of our Huskies back with us. Just a reminder that as the snow flies and the temperatures dip here in Michigan, students need to be dressed appropriately to come to school and to play outside at recess. Coats, hats, mittens/gloves, snow pants, and boots are a must this time of year. We go outside if it feels like 10 degrees or higher.

On Saturday, our district sent out a community message with guidance reminders that I would encourage you to read. Below are some reminders the school uses to help determine if symptoms preclude a child from attending school

### **COVID PROTOCOL REMINDERS**

Please report all COVID exposures and COVID positive tests to Mrs. Kim Swaneck ([kswaneck@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:kswaneck@birmingham.k12.mi.us)) and Mr. Alex Agius ([aagius@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:aagius@birmingham.k12.mi.us)) or call 248.203.3265. It is important for us to have this information ASAP to be able to act accordingly.

Please see below for important COVID Protocols:

#### **Your child should not come to school if:**

- Someone in your home is awaiting testing results for COVID.
- Someone in your home is COVID positive.
- Your child has been exposed to someone awaiting testing results for COVID.
- Your child has been exposed to someone who is COVID positive.
- Your child is awaiting testing results for COVID\*.
- Your child is COVID positive.

\*PCR test results for the student must be shared with the school.

Students experiencing **ONE** or more of the following symptoms unrelated to a known pre-existing condition (e.g. asthma, allergies) should consult their pediatrician for guidance. Please provide a note from the pediatrician if they are not recommending testing or quarantine.

- New cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

Students experiencing **TWO** or more of the following symptoms unrelated to a known pre-existing condition (e.g. asthma, allergies) should consult their pediatrician for guidance. Please provide a note from the pediatrician if they are not recommending testing or quarantine.

- Fever\* (100.4 degrees or higher) – required to be symptom free for 24 hours, without fever reducing medication, to return to school.
- Chills (rigors)
- Muscle aches (myalgias)
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Diarrhea\* (2x in 24 hours) – required to be symptom free for 24 hours to return to school.
- Nausea or vomiting\* (2x in 24 hours) – required to be symptom free for 24 hours to return the school.
- Congestion or runny nose

\*For general wellness, students who are experiencing fever, diarrhea and/or vomiting must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to schools.

### **Student with a Positive COVID test:**

Students who test positive for COVID will be required to quarantine for 10 days and return on the 11th day. Day zero is the onset of symptoms. If asymptomatic, day zero is the day they tested which resulted in a positive result.

### **Students who are exposed will have three options:**

- Students who are exposed to someone COVID positive will be required to quarantine for 10 days and return on the 11th day. Day zero is the last day the student was exposed to a positive COVID person.

- Students who are exposed to someone COVID positive can have a PCR test done on Days 5-7 as long as they remain asymptomatic. They will be allowed to return to school with that negative PCR test on Day 8. The results must be shared with the school before the child returns. Day zero is the last day the student was exposed to a positive COVID person.
- Students who are exposed to someone COVID positive at school will have the option for daily testing at the EAC with appointments needing to be made the preceding day by noon. The results are shared with the school so the student can attend school that day. Day zero is the last day the student was exposed to a positive COVID person.

*If your child is fully vaccinated and two weeks out from their second vaccination or have had COVID (positive PCR within 90 days of exposure), they will be exempt from a quarantine, unless they are experiencing symptoms or have a positive COVID test.*

When students are quarantined due to a positive COVID test or exposure we will provide work from their teachers as well as a zoom link for the students to continue connecting with their classrooms during their time missed.

Thank you for your continued partnership and we will continue to collaborate on the new paths that are ahead of us together!

Sincerely,

Alex Agius

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