

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents:

First, as planned, we will be returning to full day instruction on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Monday all schools are closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. As you are aware, there was an unprecedented surge (which seems to be flattening) in COVID cases around the state/area. We will do our best to be as creative as possible to staff our building for in-person instruction. However, please know that returning to remote instruction or amending the school day is entirely possible if we experience unexpected disruptions in the coming weeks.

Most importantly, the CDC and, subsequently, the NJDOH have released shortened timelines for isolation and quarantine. That said, effective immediately, we are implementing those guidelines for both students and staff as such:

Calculating Isolation (Positive COVID Test) / Quarantine Time (Close Contact) - Day 0 is the first day of symptoms or a positive test. Day 1 is the first full day after symptoms developed or the test specimen was collected.

Vaccination

The following are considered fully vaccinated:

- Anyone that is at least 18 years old who completed a primary series of COVID-19 vaccine AND have received all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters.
- Children and adolescents 5-17 years old who completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccine.
- Persons who had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days.

New Isolation Protocols (Positive Test)

If you test positive for COVID, regardless of vaccination status, you must isolate for 5 days, and then:

- You may return to school on Day 6, as long as you are fever-free for 24-hours and with lessening symptoms.
- You must wear a mask at all times Day 6 through Day 10.
- Students may participate in Athletics and Activities ONLY to the extent that they are able while properly wearing a mask. Students may resume normal activities on Day 11.
- On days 6-10, students MUST sit 6-feet from others during lunch when they are unmasked to eat. An area will be designated for students to unmask, socially distance, and eat safely.
- If you still have a fever or if your symptoms are not lessening, you must continue to stay home until you are fever free for 24-hours with lessening symptoms.
- You cannot "test-out" of isolation earlier.
- A test is NOT required to return to school on Day 6.

New Quarantine Protocols (not fully vaccinated)

If you are exposed to COVID-19 and are not fully vaccinated:

- Quarantine begins after the last day of contact / exposure with a COVID positive person.
- Quarantine at least 5 full days. After 5 days, watch for symptoms until 10 days have passed.
- On days 6-10, students may participate in Athletics and Activities ONLY to the extent that they are able while properly wearing a mask.
- Wear a mask until day 10 has passed. Masks are still required in school at all times.
- If symptoms develop, isolate immediately and get tested.
- Avoid travel and being around people who are high risk.

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New Quarantine Protocols (fully vaccinated)

If you are exposed to COVID-19 and are fully vaccinated or had COVID in the past 90 days:

- No quarantining is necessary if you are symptom free but it is suggested by the NJDOH that you test on days 3-5 after exposure.
- Monitor for symptoms until 10 days have passed since last contact with a COVID positive person.
- If symptoms develop, isolate immediately and get tested.
- Wear a mask until day 10 has passed. Masks are still required in school at all times.
- Avoid travel and being around people who are high risk.

For more information as to why the CDC guidance on isolation and quarantine has been shortened please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine-isolationbackground.html>

I know that the above information and change in protocols can be extremely confusing and difficult to understand. If you have any questions regarding COVID-19, please reach out to the school nurse.

We would ask for your patience and understanding with our school nurses as they are following the Department of Health guidelines. Also, if your child is vaccinated, please provide the building nurse with a copy of your child's card which will assist our nurses in quarantining.

I know none of this is perfect and we all want our students back in school. But, we all need to recognize that the current transmissibility of COVID is a real concern for our staff and students and we ALL need to take an active role to mitigate risk and exposure as much as possible.

Each week I will be reporting our COVID-19 statistics. This communication will replace the daily communication sent out last year whenever we had a quarantine or positive case. If your child has been directly affected, and will need to quarantine you will be contacted by school personnel immediately.

Holland Township School Covid-19 statistics for the week ending 1/14/2021:

New Covid positive students this week - 9

Total for the year (Covid positive students) - 97

Quarantine students - 101

New Covid positive staff this week - 2

Total for the year (Covid positive staff) - 36

Quarantine staff - 12

Weekly COVID report by County: [Weekly COVID-19 Activity Reports 2020-2021 – 1-7-22](#)

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Snyder".

Stephanie Snyder
Superintendent

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