## HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Education Community:

## **Weekly COVID Update:**

Since my last update on September 22, 2021, the data shows:

**Livingston County Average Percentage of Positive Results for all Tested:** 10% (9.4% last week)

**Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Day**: 79.8 (59.4 last week) **Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Week**: 559 (416 last week) **Elementary Students in Quarantine Since Last Week**: CE = 3, LE = 33, RE = 4, VE = 0

**Grade 5-8 Students in Quarantine Since Last Week:** FIS = 60 and MS = 19

**High School / Alternative Education Students in Quarantine Since Last Week:** HS = 344

Currently, the county is seeing about 559 cases per week. The State of Michigan is showing a 9% positivity rate, 3,349 daily cases, and roughly 23,440 positive COVID cases per week. In the past week, I have been notified of positive or probable COVID cases at Lakes Elementary (1), Round Elementary (1), Farms Intermediate (4), Hartland Middle School (1) and Hartland High School (22). Please understand that a positive case does not necessarily mean a quarantine took place if the case was due to outside exposure, and the student was not in school.

**Note:** Data taken from <a href="https://www.mistartmap.info/">https://www.mistartmap.info/</a> and <a href="https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view">https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view</a>

The following link has a document that outlines the current LCHD Quarantine Process: <a href="https://www.livgov.com/health/ph/Documents/Livingston-County-School-Quarantine-Options.pdf">https://www.livgov.com/health/ph/Documents/Livingston-County-School-Quarantine-Options.pdf</a>. This is an easy to read document that may help you better understand your options if contacted that your child has been placed in quarantine.

## **High School:**

The district is seeing an abundance of positive COVID cases at the high school. This has a negative impact on the number of students involved in contact tracing, which results in quarantine. Last week, we had 18 positive students and this week we already have 15. Please help us to keep students in school by closely monitoring for symptoms and keeping your child home if someone in the household is sick or being tested for COVID. Often we are told, I was in school because I thought it was allergies. This ends up not being the case most times, unfortunately. I understand that it is difficult to keep a high school student home when they only have a sniffle. The reality is that this could be a symptom of COVID and must be treated as such. Please do not take the chance. Monitor symptoms and when they are at least 24 hours symptom free it would be appropriate to return.

## When There Is A Concern:

I am writing to ask parents to contact the individuals in the order noted below when there is a concern. Too often, individuals email or call me directly about concerns. In most cases I send them back to the individuals who can best help. Please reference the following chart for who to contact with concerns:

Classroom Concern:Athletic Concern:Student Nutrition Concern:TeacherCoachStudent Nutrition DirectorCounselorAthletic DirectorBuilding AdministrationBuilding AdministrationBuilding AdministrationChief Financial OfficerSuperintendentSuperintendentSuperintendent

**COVID Concern:** Transportation Concern:

Building Administration Bus Driver

Superintendent Transportation Director

Director of Operations and Transportation

**Building Administration** 

Superintendent

**Child Care Concern:** 

Child Care Teacher
Child Care Director
Director of Community F

**Director of Community Education** 

Superintendent

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Respectfully,

Chuck Hughes