



# HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Education Community:

## **Weekly COVID Update:**

Since my last update on November 17, 2021, the data shows:

**Livingston County Average Percentage of Positive Results for all Tested:** 22.2%

**Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Day:** 203

**Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Week:** 1,418

**Elementary Students Excluded/Quarantined Since Last Week:** CE = 34, LE = 47, RE = 2, VE = 156

**Grade 5-8 Students Excluded/Quarantined Since Last Week:** FIS = 24 and MS = 3

**High School / Alternative Education Students Excluded/Quarantined Since Last Week:** HS = 12

I have been notified of positive or probable COVID cases at Creekside Elementary (1), Lakes Elementary (1), Village Elementary (1), Farms Intermediate (7), Hartland Middle School (3), Hartland High School (13) and District (1). If you wish to explore additional information, please visit the sites below:

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

## **Good Things Happening:**

At a recent Board of Education meeting, some individuals shared that they felt the district was no longer a top performing school district. This information was inaccurate. Earlier in the year, the Board of Education was presented with our outstanding PSAT/SAT achievement data demonstrating that during a pandemic year, more students than ever before earned a college and career readiness designation.

The Michigan Department of Education recently released the **Michigan School Grades for 2020-21**. The grades below reflect the proficiency results for each building. We should all be proud of these results in such challenging times:

**HHS:** A

**Middle School:** A

**Farms Inter.:** B

**Creekside ES:** A

**Lakes ES:** A

**Round ES:** A

**Village ES:** B

### **Alternative Education Schools**

**Hartland Virtual Academy (6-12):** A

**LEGACY (9-12):** C (Best Alternative Education grade in the county)

Congratulations, students, staff, and parents for your commitment to always doing your best. Hard work pays off with persistence and grit!

## **Ages 5-11 Vaccinations:**

Vaccinations are now available for children ages 5-11 years old. Currently, about 14% of the counties children in this age range have received at least the first dose of the vaccination. I share this information as the district continues to operate through the lens of offering choice to parents. It is anticipated that as soon as our return from the Holiday Break, we will no longer quarantine healthy JK-6 students. This model has worked well for our 7-12 students with no discernable change in the school transmission numbers when we were quarantining at six feet and three feet exposure limits. While it is anticipated that this will occur, it is not finalized. What I can do is encourage those wishing to be vaccinated to follow through as soon as possible.

## **STEM Center Learning:**

Below, our elementary STEM Teachers learn how to use a 3D printer to be used in our STEM Centers. They are learning with Mr. Costello, Science Instructional Coach.



HS PTO Thanks the staff.

**HCS wishes everyone a wonderful long weekend.**

## **Our Children Are Watching Us:**

In the October Community Life (<https://www.hartlandschools.us/documents/Community%20Life/2021-2022/Oct-21-Community-Life-web.pdf>), I shared concerns about the division in the world and my personal concern that our children are watching us.

Recently, I heard this song on the radio and could not help but think once again about this topic and how important it is to be thoughtful and deliberate before we act, while remembering that our children are watching how we respond to challenges, poor behaviors, and when our beliefs are questioned. If so inclined, please watch this video and think about what your children, your family, and peers are learning from us every day, simply by observation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2uzK3VwzraM>

Respectfully,



Superintendent