



HARBOR BEACH
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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Dear HBCS Parents and Guardians:

After school ended today we received a call from the Huron County Health Department informing us that a student within 5th grade has tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). This student has not been in school for a long time and has had very limited exposure to others. For this reason, we are under the understanding that larger scale quarantines will not be necessary.

Harbor Beach Community School does not determine which specific students are quarantined. We provide any information the health department requests and they make those difficult decisions. If you haven't received a phone call your child isn't impacted and will be able to attend school as normal. Once again, if your child was in close contact with the individual involved, you will be contacted directly by the Huron County Health Department. Please take their call and follow the recommendations they provide.

Again, we are prohibited from sharing all specific identifying information, including the names of ill persons. Shared information regarding any Public Health investigation is confidential in order to protect patient privacy. This is not a Harbor Beach rule. It is a universal requirement, and HBCS is not legally permitted to give specific names of those potentially infected.

All confirmed cases are to be isolated and close contacts quarantined for 14 days from last exposure in order to prevent illness of others. "Close contact" means being a household member or caregiver of a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case; within 6 feet of the confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case for more than 15 minutes, even if wearing a non-medical face covering; or having contact with the infected person's body fluids such as being coughed or sneezed on. We highly recommend you pay close attention to your child's health and if they display any symptoms or don't feel well that you keep them home from school. Students should be symptom free for 24 hours (without medication) before attending school.

For additional questions about COVID-19, please visit the Huron County Health Department at <https://www.hchd.us/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly at sbishop@hbpirates.org or Mr. Quintano at mquintano@hbpirates.org. You may also contact the school at (989) 479-3261.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dr. Shawn Bishop'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Shawn Bishop, Superintendent
Harbor Beach Community Schools