



HARBOR BEACH
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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Dear Kindergarten Parents and Guardians:

We recently received contact from a staff member who stated he/she has symptoms of COVID-19. He/she further stated he/she did not know of any exposure to another person who has tested positive. The staff member is within Harbor Beach Elementary School and had contact with both Kindergarten rooms. It is important to note, he/she does not have a confirmed positive test, however the staff member has sought testing and is waiting for results. As a precaution, we have been in contact with the Huron County Health Department to seek their advice. They have determined that quarantining Kindergarten students is NOT necessary at this time. Therefore, instruction will continue as normal for Kindergarten students. If there are any changes in the situation, we will be sure to share them with you. At this time we ask that you continue to monitor your child for typical COVID-19 symptoms (fever greater than 100.4, no taste or smell, headache, sore throat, etc). As always, if your child displays any symptoms they should stay home. Before returning to school, a staff member or a student must be symptom-free without medication for 24 hours.

Though quarantining is not currently required, we thought it would be good to remind everyone HBCS does not determine who is quarantined and the length of quarantine. We always share all the information we have with the Huron Health Department, and we follow their advice. Ultimately quarantining is the responsibility of the Huron County Health Department.

As you may be aware, 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. HIPAA and FERPA rules dictate that we cannot provide any identifiable information about the person. This is not a Harbor Beach rule, it is a universal requirement.

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 Dr. Bishop at sbishop@hbpirates.org or Mr. Quintano at mquintano@hbpirates.org. You may also contact us at 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