



HARBOR BEACH
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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January 15, 2021

Dear HBCS Parents and Guardians:

Late yesterday we confirmed with the Huron County Health Department that a Harbor Beach High School student tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). HBCS provided all requested information to HCHD to help them determine which students were potentially impacted. The positive testing student was determined to be in “close contact” with several high school students. Because of the late in the day timing, Mr. Bulgrien and I made personal contact to all families of students in close contact with this individual student. We do not have official power to quarantine, however we knew for this small group of students quarantine was imminent. The Huron County Health Department will follow up with each family today. If you were not contacted by us or the HCHD your child is not involved in quarantine.

As you may know, Harbor Beach Community School does not determine which specific student(s) are quarantined. We provide any information the health department requests and they make those difficult decisions. If your child was in close contact with the individual involved, you will be contacted directly by the Huron County Health Department to confirm. Please take their call and follow the recommendations they provide.

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 continue to 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. Bulgrien at abulgrien@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, flowing style.

Dr. Shawn Bishop, Superintendent
Harbor Beach Community Schools