

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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As of the writing of this letter, I am informing you of the current Covid-19 health related protocols as of today. These can change throughout the school year. I will update you of any important changes made by the Department of Health (DOH).

1. **Governor Murphy is requiring all students and staff (vaccinated or not) to wear a mask during school hours.**
 - Students will be required to wear a cloth or medical type mask riding the bus and during the school day.
 - Students can remove their mask outdoors in excessive heat or while participating in aerobic exercise.
 - Students will also be able to remove their mask for snack and lunch.
 - Mask breaks will be scheduled throughout the school day as well.

2. **Continue to fill out the daily screener each morning.**
 - Please text “67587” and “opt in” to receive the daily reminder text message.
 - Please fill out the daily screener for each child in your household, prior to your child/children arriving at school.
 - If you receive a red stop sign, after you fill out the daily screener, keep your child home from school.
 - A nurse will contact you to discuss your child’s symptoms or circumstance.

3. **When students are required to stay home from school:**
 - Your child has a pending Covid test result.
 - If a household member has a pending Covid test, due to illness.
 - Your child is considered a close contact of a Covid positive individual.
 - Your child is sick and has any of the following Covid symptoms. Your child will be required to stay home for 10 days if he/she experiences these Covid symptoms. Your child can return to school sooner with a negative Covid test result.

Exhibits two or more of these Covid-19

Symptoms:

- Fever (100.4 or greater without the use of fever reducing medication)
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea/vomiting
- Fatigue
- Congestion/runny nose

Exhibits one of these Covid-19

Symptoms:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste
- New loss of smell

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Below are some other general health related information:

1. Please contact me when your child is going to be absent.
 - Email address is thirs@hollandschool.org
 - Phone number is (908) 995-2401 Ext. 6326
 - Please provide specific details as to the reason for the absence. For example:
 1. My child is a close contact of a Covid individual.
 2. My child has a fever and sore throat.
 3. My child took the day off and is not sick.
 4. My child possibly broke her ankle. We are going to urgent care.
 5. We will be away on vacation next week.
2. We will utilize individual desks for all our classrooms and the cafeteria for lunch.
3. We will maintain a social distance of 3 feet and 6 feet when possible.
4. We will continue to encourage hand washing with soap and water or the use of hand sanitizer when a sink is not available.
5. We will continue to disinfect classrooms once during the school day and again at the end of the day.
6. We will also complete frequent disinfecting of common areas and bathrooms throughout the school day.

Below are Covid-19 related health information:

1. A student that is Covid positive will need to stay home from school for 10 days from the start of symptoms or positive test result (if the individual was asymptomatic).
2. Close contact is still defined as a person who has been within 6 feet of a Covid positive person, for 15 minutes, in a 24 hour period. The exposure must occur 48 hours prior to symptom onset or when the individual tests Covid positive (if the person is asymptomatic). **Exception - In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) where both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.**
3. We are presently in a moderate (yellow) Covid activity level. Therefore, if a student is identified as a close contact, he/she will need to quarantine for 10 days and will not be required to get a Covid test. The quarantine period can be reduced to 7 days, if you get a Covid test 5-7 days after your last contact. Proof of a negative test result is required if you choose the second option.
4. If a student is identified as a close contact, but has had Covid themselves within the last 90 days, he/she will not have to quarantine. Proof of positive test results will need to be provided to the school nurse.
5. If a student is identified as a close contact, but has completed the Covid vaccine series, he/she will not need to quarantine. A student would still monitor for Covid symptoms for 14 days. If a student experiences Covid symptoms, he/she should isolate and get a Covid test. Proof of vaccine record will need to be provided to the school nurse.

Please contact me with questions or concerns.
TJ Hirsch, School Nurse