



Ravenna Public Schools

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Dear Staff, Parents, and Community of Ravenna Public Schools:

The frequency of COVID-19 cases and quarantines are on the rise. I am aware of an alarming number of community members who have tested positive, or currently placed in quarantine. Obviously, our data only reflects students and employees. I would like to direct your attention to the following points:

1. Since last week's update, posted on our [website](#), which is updated each Friday, we have been informed of several updates over the weekend.
2. Current data - Updates on positive COVID-19 cases and quarantines in our District:
 - a. **Beechnau Elementary**
 - i. 1 employee tested positive, in isolation
 - ii. 4 students in quarantine, pending test results - Includes close contact(s)
 - b. **Middle School**
 - i. 1 employee in quarantine, pending test results - Close contact tested positive
 - ii. 4 students in quarantine, pending test results - Includes close contact(s) testing positive
 - c. **High School**
 - i. 1 employee tested positive, in isolation
 - ii. 1 affiliated adult tested positive, in isolation
 - iii. 1 student tested positive, in isolation
 - iv. 1 employee in quarantine, pending test result - Close contact tested positive
 - v. 4 students in quarantine, pending test results - Includes close contact(s) testing positive
 - d. **District Wide**
 - i. Several staff and students monitoring for symptoms, self-screening daily
 - ii. We have several students showing symptoms, not in attendance, monitoring for symptoms, self-screening daily
3. Due to a significant spike in positive cases of COVID-19 and the number of community members in quarantine, please read a joint statement by Superintendents from Muskegon, Ottawa, and Kent Counties:
 - a. [Superintendent's Message](#)

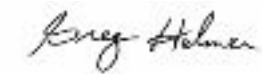
We will continue to work with Public Health - Muskegon County, and we will follow their recommendations regarding thresholds for maintaining in-person instruction, quarantining, isolation, identifying close contacts, and cleaning/sanitizing protocols.

We believe we are taking appropriate measures to prevent the spread of illness and we appreciate your efforts as well. As a reminder, continue to screen for symptoms. I truly believe it's our civic responsibility to effectively [screen](#) and quarantine during this pandemic.

Please be reminded that wearing a mask, following 6' physical distancing measures, limiting social gatherings, and frequently washing your hands is essential. Thank you for your partnership in keeping our students, staff, and community safe and healthy.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at ghelmer@ravennaschools.org.

Sincerely,



Greg Helmer
Superintendent, Ravenna Public Schools
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