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| Image  Dear Families,    The Livingston County Health Department has notified the district that it has determined Howell High School will appear on this week's Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) School Outbreak report. An outbreak in the educational setting is two or more cases linked by time and place.    Howell High School appears on the list due to several cases linked to the school's overnight marching band camp held at an off-site camp in mid-August. While the band camp was not held on our property since it was a school function, this fits the MDHHS description of a school-related outbreak. The Livingston County Health Department does not believe there has been any in-school transmission relating to this outbreak and that the risk for further transmission linked to these cases is very low. We will continue to work in partnership with the Livingston County Health Department and follow their advice and guidance to ensure the safety of our students and staff.    As we work to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our schools, we must continue to follow safety and good public health protocols. These include:   * Staying home when showing any signs of illness. We continue to see students coming to school when they should be at home. * Staying home with COVID-19 test results pending. * Practicing frequent hand-washing.   Additionally, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the Livingston County Health Department (LCHD), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) all recommend the use of a face mask to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in schools and encourage all eligible individuals to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.    Sincerely,  Erin J. MacGregor, Ed.S.  Superintendent  Howell Public Schools   |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |   Howell Public Schools  [411 N. Highlander Way, Howell MI 48843](https://www.google.com/maps/search/411+N.+Highlander+Way,+Howell+MI+48843?entry=gmail&source=g) 517.548.6200 |