



# HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Education Community:

## **Weekly COVID Update:**

Since my last update on October 12, 2021 (14 days), the data shows:

**Livingston County Average Percentage of Positive Results for all Tested:** 12.2% (15% last report)

**Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Day:** 83.7 (109.5 last report)

**Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Week:** 586 (767 last report)

**Elementary Students Excluded Since Last Week:** CE = 146, LE = 110, RE = 113, VE = 199

**Grade 5-8 Students Excluded Since Last Week:** FIS = 239 and MS = 9

**High School / Alternative Education Students Excluded Since Last Week:** HS = 239

Currently, the county is seeing about 586 cases per week. The State of Michigan is showing an 11.2% positivity rate, 3,738 daily cases, and roughly 26,163 positive COVID cases per week. Since my last report on October 12, 2021, I have been notified of positive or probable COVID cases at Child Care (4), Creekside Elementary (4), Lakes Elementary (6), Round Elementary (5), Village Elementary (15), Farms Intermediate (20), Hartland Middle School (3) and Hartland High School (26). Please understand that a positive case does not necessarily mean a quarantine took place if the case was due to outside exposure, and the student was not in school.

**Note:** Data taken from <https://www.mistartmap.info/> and <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

The district continues to assess the day-to-day operations and how COVID is affecting our mission to educate children. To date, we have been made aware of four in-school transmission outbreak situations resulting in a mandatory mask mandate for two weeks at Round, Village, and Farms Intermediate (2). To best assess next steps, we meet weekly with the LCHD. With support from the LCHD we have been able to institute an Alternate Exclusion (formerly referred to as Quarantine) program where parents can now pick up the first test kit at the Hartland Educational Support Service Center instead of driving to the LCHD in Howell.

We understand that it has been taking longer for the LCHD to process all contact tracing situations. This is due to staffing issues (we are all experiencing this issue) which has required them to not trace during the weekend and late into the evening. We ask for your patience in this process as the LCHD team is working as quickly as possible.

**Transportation:** The district continues to be challenged with providing all families transportation due to a shortage of bus drivers. We are open to any suggestions to help recruit new members to our team. Please feel free to share ideas that you may have at [chuckhughes@hartlandschools.us](mailto:chuckhughes@hartlandschools.us), or call me at 810-626-2100.

**Board of Education Building Tour:** The Board of Education toured the middle school, Creekside, Round, and Village this morning. What a great feeling seeing happy children engaged with their teachers and the support staff.



Students reading their “spooky” stories to Board members Thom Dumond, Kristin Coleman, and Michelle Hemeyer and central office staff.



Watching students in the STEM Center test their cars that they built to minimize impact when running into the wall with a boiled egg in the driver’s seat.

Have a wonderful week.

Respectfully,