



Dear HLCS staff, families, and students,

I am so happy to report that to date we at HLCS have had no confirmed COVID-19 cases, amongst our students, faculty, or staff. I am so proud of each of you for taking care of one another. You've monitored symptoms, done the responsible things when exposed, and implemented changes to keep everyone safe.

Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, this virus is resurgent in our area. As a response, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has moved economic development region 6, which we are a part of, back to phase 4. This will result in a few changes at HLCS in an effort to continue to keep kids safe and to remain in compliance with the MDHHS directives.

On the whole, we will stay the course and continue to monitor symptoms, wash hands regularly, clean and disinfect classrooms. Additionally, we will now need all students and staff to wear masks while inside the building at all times. As a reminder, if your student has a medical condition that makes wearing masks unsafe, they can provide medical documentation that we will place on file in the office, excusing them from this requirement. We will relocate coffee hour to the balcony in order to provide more space, and we will have to reimagine the upcoming Christmas concert.

When we return to phase 5, requirements will be relaxed to what they were during our first two months of school.

We are developing virtual/hybrid options for families who are uncomfortable with having students in masks all day. Please reach out if you are interested in learning more about these options.

We are in the midst of an extraordinary school year. We have had limited interruption to our learning process, especially considering the effect of this virus on so many schools throughout our state and country. We are eager to make this next phase as successful as the first two months, to deliver Christ centered curriculum in a fun and inviting way. Our HLCS students are amazing, and have turned so many lemons into lemonade thus far, and I am eager to see them shine the light of Jesus in this challenging time. We were made for such a time as this! God has prepared us for this next challenge, and Harbor Light will shine.

Here is the amended plan approved this evening, to reflect the changes in phase 4.
[HLCS Preparedness and Response Plan](#)

In His service,

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