



April 15, 2021

Dear HLCS Staff and Families,

Today I received notice that a teacher in our school tested positive for COVID-19. If you or your child are directly involved with the case, you would have already received additional communication from the school, and you will receive future communication from the Health Department.

There is a large number of students who will be quarantining as a result. We have 19 elementary students (including the entire kindergarten) and 9 middle/high school students who will be participating in at-home learning for the next two weeks. Our priority is to remain in person for face-to-face learning. We will remain in person for learning as long as we are able to adequately staff the school and as long as infection rates within the school do not rise above 20%. We currently have only one staff member and one student who have tested positive for COVID. Please pray our staff and students remain healthy.

This pause for some students did result in needing to move the spring show, Shrek the Musical. We will now have the performances on Friday, May 14th, and Saturday, May 15th. Additionally, some baseball games will be rescheduled.

We will continue to follow our mitigation and cleaning measures here at school and strongly encourage you to continue screening your children for any symptoms that may be associated with COVID 19 at home. Thank you for your diligence in this!

Harbor Light Christian School will not release the names of anyone who was diagnosed with COVID-19, as this is protected health information. The school will only acknowledge a positive case and will discourage parents and community members from engaging in discussions related to the identity of the individual(s) diagnosed with COVID-19. It is our role to tell all the families of Harbor Light Christian School that we are moving forward under the guidance of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan and that all measures have been taken to protect the wellbeing of your child(ren). Our greatest priority is the safety of our students, staff, and community members. It is important to remember that children are greatly influenced by the reactions of adults when facing difficult circumstances. We encourage everyone to remain calm and to be empathic and respectful to those affected.

Please remember, we are only a phone call or email away. Please reach out if you have any questions. The Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Public Health Information Line is 1-800-389-5959. Finally, please join me in praying for all staff and students involved.

Blessings,



Kelly Dutcher

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