



April 9, 2021

Dear Harbor Light Christian School Family,

This morning, Governor Whitmer recommended that high schools voluntarily pause in-person instruction for two weeks. This afternoon, I participated in a zoom call with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan and other local school leaders. Our local Health Department believes that schools are best served by making their own decision and said the current data does not support area-wide school closure. Read more here ([4.9.2021 COVID Update \(2\).pdf](#).) We believe it is in the best interest of students' mental and academic well-being to continue with in-person instruction at this time and will remain in person for as long as our numbers of positives remain manageable.

At this time, Harbor Light Christian School will remain open for face-to-face learning and continue our baseball practice and competitions. Our junior high basketball team will take a two-week pause. Within our school community, we have a handful of students in the middle of quarantine or may start soon. I have notified these students and will be in touch with parents as soon as possible to confirm the need to quarantine or to clear the student to return to school. Remote learning will be available for middle and high school students who are quarantined and unable to attend school in person.

Additionally, as we move into our final eight weeks of school, I ask for your assistance to help our students finish strong. We need your support for continued screening and keeping sick or symptomatic students home. Also, please encourage your student to wash his or her hands regularly and use good mask etiquette. Finally, if your child has been exposed to someone with COVID, please take his or her quarantine period seriously to avoid spreading the virus within the school.

I am encouraged because I know God is with us in this! Psalm 27:5 says, "For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock."

Blessings on your weekend!

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