

COVID Reminder Call for Parents, Jan. 4, 2021

Good afternoon. This is Mark Scott, Superintendent of Schools. Happy New Year to you and all of your family! We look forward to welcoming students tomorrow for the first day of the new semester.

With the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, I'm calling with reminders about our protocols, which are based on guidance from the Department of Public Health. To prevent the spread of the virus, it's important that we all continue to work together.

Please help keep everyone healthy and safe by adhering to the following:

- Please keep sick children at home.
- If anyone in your household has received a positive COVID-19 test result, please let your school know right away.
- Please also inform your school if someone in your home is awaiting COVID test results.
- Quarantine anyone who has symptoms or is being tested, and monitor their health.
- Remember, students must be fever free without medication for at least 24 hours before they return to school.
- If you or anyone in your household has COVID symptoms, please contact your doctor or local public health clinic.
- All absences due to quarantining for COVID will be excused. Our schools will continue to support those students so they can keep up with their school work.

The most effective strategy for combating this virus is to follow our three Ws: wear a face covering, wait at least 6 feet apart, and wash your hands often.

For more information about our COVID-19 protocols, please visit the district's Illness Prevention webpage at www.hcbe.net. This is where one may access COVID-19 data specific to our district, to include positive test results by school. This Illness Prevention webpage is also accessible from any school website.

Keeping all students and staff safe is our number one priority! We are doing our best to ensure everyone stays healthy, and your continued help and support is appreciated. Thank you for everything you are doing to keep your school family safe. Have a great evening!