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Dear Warrior Families:

I cannot emphasize this enough, it is our actions that result in corresponding consequences. Chippewa Hills has committed to in-person instruction to the greatest degree possible. Virtual is always an option that can be used, but it is not the preferred method of instruction. Your help in maintaining in-person teaching is greatly appreciated by your support of our efforts.

We, as a district, are starting to experience a greater strain on our system due to positive and symptomatic cases, and those quarantined due to being close contacts. Adults that work directly with children, teachers and support staff, are critical to sustaining effective and safe learning environments. Our staff has been negatively impacted lately and this can create problems in maintaining the desired instructional programming. We will do our best to cover these gaps and keep in-person learning as long as possible, but your help is needed.

Please do not send your child to school if symptomatic or being evaluated. Do not send your child to school if family members have tested positive or are being evaluated. Please go through the simple checklist daily to assure your child is being sent to school without fear of sharing this virus (check for the symptoms listed on the flowchart provided on the back of this letter). We have had cases where students were sent to school sick and this has impacted our adults and other students, which in turn impacts everyone trying to stay in-person. Sinus issues, while common this time of year in Michigan, is still the number one indicator we have seen as covid precursors and loss of taste/smell seems to be eminent to covid positivity. Help us protect everyone by playing it safe and staying home if symptomatic. At-home tests are available and quite reliable if symptomatic. They are less reliable when dismissing cases where symptoms are not present, this usually requires a PCR test. Vaccinations are still the best defense in this battle and even those vaccinated who have contracted the variant covid virus just have some sickness and are not ending up hospitalized. It appears that vaccinations may become available soon for 5-12 years old and we will sponsor a clinic with the local health department if available. In addition, masks do keep students from having to be quarantined due to close contacts.

We want to stay in-person for as long as possible as we know this is beneficial to the learning process. Please help us in maintaining this goal by following the proper protocols and not aiding in the spread of this virus. We will do our best to stay in-person, but your help is critical. Your patience, cooperation and understanding is appreciated.

Dr. Michael Bob Grover, Jr.

Quarantine Guidance for Students with COVID symptoms

Has the student experienced any of the following symptoms
in the last 48 hours?

Fever, sore throat, uncontrolled coughing, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing,
fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat,
congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea

Has the student tested positive for COVID-19?

Yes

Student may return to
school after a 10 day
quarantine and be
symptom/fever free for at
least 24 hours

No

Did the student receive an alternate diagnosis
from a health care provider or a negative COVID
test?

Yes

Student may return to
school when symptom
and fever free for 24
hours

No

Student may return to
school after a 10 day
quarantine and be
symptom/fever free for
at least 24 hours