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Hello Norse Nation!

This message is being sent in response to the Public Health - Muskegon County direction provided today (5/3/21) relative to changes in the quarantining process. The communication piece can be found at the following <u>link.</u>

We are very excited and pleased with this direction. This will give us the potential to get our students back into in-person learning more quickly. This move takes the quarantine requirement of 14 days to 10 days from exposure for non symptom showing individuals. Even better, we now have the ability for a student to return after 7 days of quarantine as long as they have a negative diagnostic (PCR) test accomplished (on day 5, 6, or 7) and are symptom free. Our rapid tests will not suffice for this stated process.

Please make special note that a fully vaccinated (2 weeks from 2nd dose or single dose if only one is required with that vaccination) student does not need to be quarantined as long as they are not showing symptoms.

We are contacting our families that are currently impacted by this change. We will work with them to assist the return of their chil(ren) as soon as possible. Also, we continue to test our student athletes and any other students wishing to be tested (this occurs every Sunday evening from 6:00 - 7:30pm, in the Middle School gym.

We are hopeful this change is a move in the right direction for all of us as we continue to navigate our way through this pandemic. Please continue to do your part in keeping all of us safe and well.

Take care!

Dr. Curt Babcock Superintendent