



April 6, 2021

Good Afternoon Eagle Families:

It has been fantastic having students back in the building full time. It is so nice to see faces (even with masks) and hear conversation and laughter again. The joy of having students back full time is why I am reaching out today. Following Spring Break, we are seeing a large increase in the number of students testing positive for COVID. Per the new district policy, you can track these quarantines and numbers on the [In the Know/Communications page of our HHS website](#).

Some of these students have been asymptomatic, but many have had symptoms and come to school anyway. We are asking that parents and families not send students to school with any symptoms including a scratchy throat. I truly believe these students/families thought they had allergies or just a cold, but it turned out that they had COVID. Once these students have attended school or school activities, it triggers quarantines that impact large numbers of other students. The school and district are actively disinfecting throughout the day and every evening, but the best defense against this illness is following masking and social distancing protocols in and out of school and isolating when ill. I am asking that if you are in doubt, keep your student home and call the Attendance Office. We can assist in next steps and find solutions for your child.

I am very concerned that if these increases in cases and quarantines continue, they could result in a possible return to remote learning for all students. If that occurs, athletics, activities, clubs, and senior activities may also see negative impacts or even be cancelled. This is something we are all trying to avoid. Our students need to be in school, but this can only happen when we all partner together and make decisions that are in the best interest of everyone. Please help us by having a conversation as a family about students self-reporting illness and accountability in regards to safety protocols.

We know the last year has been hard on everyone, especially our kids, but we truly hope the end is in sight if we can just hold on a bit longer. Remember we are all in this together. Thank you for your support and collaborating to keep all of our Eagles healthy and safe.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacey Riendeau".

Stacey Riendeau