

HESPERIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Hesperia Families,

I hope this letter finds you healthy and enjoying your summer. We are busy here preparing for the upcoming school year. I know there are many questions related to Covid procedures and just how close to “normal” we will be. As you know, our number one priority is student safety. We will work diligently to make HCS a safe, secure, healthy, and clean environment for our students and families. This situation is constantly evolving, and we will constantly monitor and update as needed. Below you will find the most up to date information on recommendations and requirements regarding Covid 19 procedures.

1. We will be “In-Person” for learning 5 full days a week. We will return to normal schedule for start and end times
2. We will offer a virtual option for those experiencing extraordinary circumstances. Virtual option will require evidence of past success, an application, and a meeting with your building Principal. Please contact them for more information.
3. Vaccinations are recommended, but not required
4. Masks are **optional** during the school day in the buildings and each family will make their own decision regarding mask use. Masks are currently **required on public transportation including school buses**.
5. Hesperia Community Schools will expect students and adults to respect each other and their individual choices regarding masks and vaccinations.
6. There will be no mandatory quarantine of students. Families will be given the option to quarantine in the event of a close contact with an infected student or staff member. Schools are required to contact trace any type of communicable disease and report it to their local Health Department within 24 hours.
7. We will continue to follow the expectations of the Michigan High School Athletic Association in regards to fall sports.
8. Our annual fall Open House is scheduled for Thursday, August 26th. We feel at this time, it is necessary to alleviate congestion in the buildings. Please look for communications from your Principal regarding alternatives to full in person/in building Open Houses.

We’d like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and support over the last 18 months. In these trying times, it is always encouraging to know that our community supports our work and our efforts. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Bryan D. Mey, Superintendent