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| Dear Families, The Livingston County Health Department has notified the district that it has determined that two of our schools, Howell High School and Hutchings Elementary, will appear on this week’s Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) School Outbreak report. An outbreak in the educational setting is two or more cases linked by time and place.  Howell High School will appear on the report three times. In each instance, the outbreak is limited to the original case when a student tested positive and one additional case of a student testing positive. In each of these instances, the two cases are linked by time and place, as such, these cases fit the criteria to be considered an outbreak. Hutchings Elementary appears on the report based on a case involving a staff member and students. After the staff member tested positive, three students who were identified as close contacts of the staff member also tested positive. Since these cases are linked by time and place, this also fits the criteria to be considered an outbreak. We have consulted with the Livingston County Health Department. At this time, they are comfortable with us continuing in-person learning, as they believe that contact tracing, quarantine efforts, and mitigation strategies have worked correctly and that the risk for further transmission linked to these cases is very low. We will continue to work in partnership with the Livingston County Health Department and follow their advice and guidance to ensure the safety of our students and staff. As always, we must remain vigilant in following safety and good public health protocols. These include frequent handwashing, staying home when showing any signs of illness or with COVID-19 test results pending, and wearing a mask when in public spaces. Sincerely,Erin J. MacGregor, Ed.S.SuperintendentHowell Public Schools    |

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