



December 20, 2021

Harvard Families,

As you are probably aware, we have seen an increase in COVID-19 cases in the Harvard community. As winter break approaches, we would like to remind you of the current guidance and protocols for COVID.

### **International Travel Guidance (Centers for Disease Control)**

If you plan to travel internationally, you will need to get a COVID-19 test (regardless of vaccination or citizenship) no more than 1 day before you travel by air into the United States. You must show your negative result to the airline before you board your flight. If you are traveling internationally, please notify your school Health Office for specific guidance. As a reminder, all unvaccinated travelers will need to be medically excluded for 7-10 days after international travel. Please see the [2021-2022 School Updates](#) webpage for the most up-to-date guidance.

### **School Bus Guidance**

Per McHenry County Department of Health and the Illinois Department of Public Health, all passengers must wear a mask when riding the bus. To reduce the distance for contact tracing from 6 feet to 3 feet, four windows on the bus must be open one inch or more (two in the middle and two in the back). Additionally, each bus driver must maintain an up-to-date seating chart. Please remind your child to dress warmly, especially as the winter months approach.

### **When to Stay Home**

Families play a crucial role in containing the spread of COVID-19. Schools are following county, state, and federal guidance, but families play a crucial role in slowing the spread of the virus.

#### **Please keep your child home and notify the school Health Office if your child has:**

COVID symptoms (1 or more) **OR** Tested positive for COVID-19 **OR** Been a close contact to a positive case in the last 14 days

#### **COVID Symptoms include:**

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| • Fever (100.4 or higher)                  | • Chills                  | • Muscle or body aches                        |
| • New onset of moderate to severe headache | • Diarrhea                | • New loss of sense of taste or smell         |
| • New cough                                | • Sore throat             | • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing |
|  | • Fatigue (unknown cause) | • Nausea and/or vomiting                      |

### **Exclusion & Return Guidelines (McHenry Department of Public Health)**

Please take a moment to review the Medical Exclusion Guidance. While each student's situation is unique, your school Health Office will give specific exclusion and return guidance in the event of a positive case. Please note that test-to-stay is not available at this time, so monitoring your child's health is more important now than ever.

Sincerely,

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