



Ravenna Public Schools

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Dear Staff, Parents, and Community of Ravenna Public Schools:

Remaining transparent and sharing open and honest communication, I would like to provide an update from my [letter](#) on Sunday, September 20th, providing you factual information that I have at this time.

Since announcing a staff member from Beechnau Elementary tested positive for COVID-19, confirmed on Sunday, we have moved forward with our close contact tracing by partnering with Public Health - Muskegon County. Privacy regulations restrict us from sharing identifying information about the individual(s) affected.

Seven employees have been instructed to quarantine, and each employee conducted a COVID-19 test, which has resulted in the following updates that I am sharing with you today.

- **Staff:** (Positive Cases) Isolation - 2
- **Staff:** (Negative Cases) Quarantine - 4 and we have 2 cases pending results. In addition, we have a varsity athletic coach with a spouse who tested positive
- **Students:** Quarantine - 4 students District wide due to being identified as close contacts
- **Students:** No positive cases reported

We will continue to enforce all protocols in place for the safety of all students and staff in our buildings, including mandatory face coverings, suspension of large group gatherings, and adjusted lunch and recess protocols. We believe we are taking appropriate measures to prevent the spread of illness and we appreciate your efforts as well. Please be reminded that wearing a mask, following 6' physical distancing measures, and frequently washing your hands is essential.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at ghelmer@ravennaschools.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Helmer". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Greg Helmer
Superintendent, Ravenna Public Schools
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