



Greetings Beacon Family!!

I am Dr. Keith L. Morris, and I am excited and delighted to begin my second year as the principal at Beacon Elementary School!! This is the beginning my 25th year of experience in education. Prior to joining the Harper Woods School District, my previously held positions include teacher of exceptional learners, dean of instruction, assistant principal and principal. These years were influential in my growth as an educator; and provided a concrete foundation of exemplary leadership within various instructional realms.

I am enthusiastic about continuing the Harper Woods School District and serving the scholars at Beacon Elementary. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Beacon or reach me directly at [keith.morris@hwschools.org](mailto:keith.morris@hwschools.org), or (313) 694-4189.

### **Important Information 2021-2021 School Year**

#### **School Hours**

1<sup>st</sup> Day of School-Tuesday, September 7 2021  
7:50 a.m.-3:05 p.m. daily

#### **Dress Code Requirement**

Shirts-Red or Maroon polo style shirt  
Slacks-Any color slacks  
Shoes-No open toe

#### **Parent Orientation with the Principal**

In-Person-Thursday, September 2, 2021 from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. at Beacon Elementary  
Virtual- Friday, September 3, 2021 link forthcoming through MiStar & Class Dojo

#### **Back to School Night**

Thursday, September 23, 2021 from 4 p.m.-6p.m. at Beacon Elementary

#### **Instructional Offerings**

Instruction will be offered face-to-face and through virtual learning platforms for the 2021-2022 school year. Details forthcoming.

#### **Mask Mandate**

Masks are **mandatory** for all students and staff per the School Board and Superintendent.

#### **COVID Procedures**

We will continue COVID procedural safeguards. Please see attached documents.

Thank you all,  
Dr. Keith L. Morris

*Graduates will create the families, careers, and communities that are aligned with their aspirations and values.*

It is the policy of the School District of the City of Harper Woods that no discriminatory practices based on gender, race, religion, color, age, national origin, disability, height, weight, or any other status covered by federal, state or local law be allowed in providing instructional opportunities, programs, services, job placement assistance, employment or in policies governing student conduct and attendance. Any person suspecting a discriminatory practice should contact the Secondary School Principal at the School District of the City of Harper Woods, 20225 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods, MI 48225 or call (313) 245-3000.

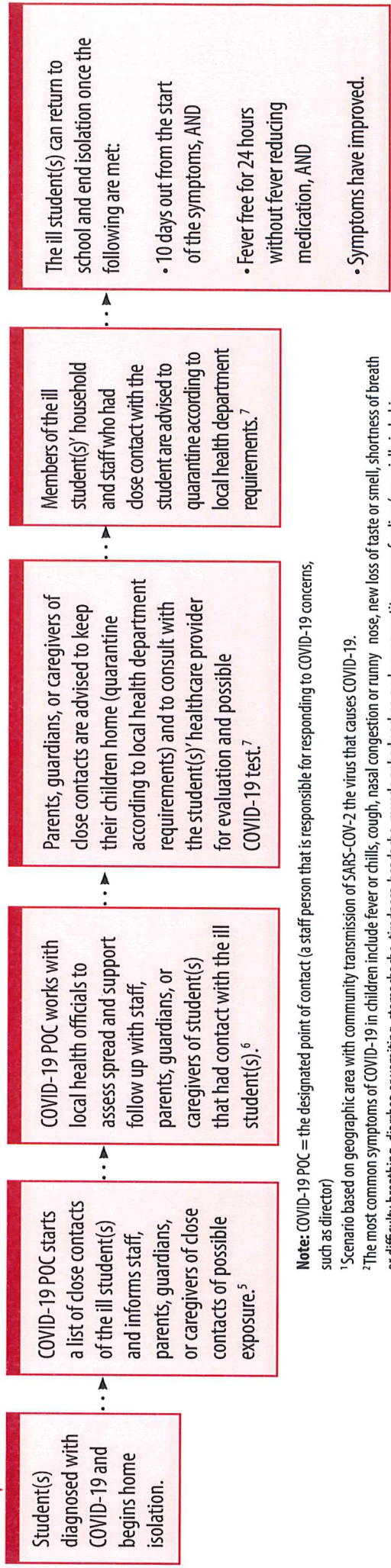
## Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools

- Students benefit most from in-person learning, and safely returning to in-person instruction in the fall of 2021 is a priority.
- We are encouraging vaccination of all school stakeholders.
- Due to the Delta variant being more contagious, CDC recommends indoor masking of all students ages 2 and older, as well as all staff, teachers, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status.
- In addition to masking indoors, the CDC recommends maintaining at minimum, 3 feet of physical distance between students and staff.
- The district will continue to have students undergo health screenings and temperature checks.
- Staff will encourage students to wash their hands frequently, and to stay home when feeling ill.
- Staff or students who become ill at school, who were exposed to COVID-19 or test positive for COVID-19 will follow the standard RTL guidelines as usual such as quarantining for 10 days and/or not returning to school until symptom and fever free. However, the latest CDC guidance updated on July 14<sup>th</sup> provides that people who are fully vaccinated and do not have COVID-19 symptoms do not need to quarantine or get tested after an exposure to someone with COVID-19.

# WHAT TO DO IF A STUDENT BECOMES SICK OR REPORTS A NEW COVID-19 DIAGNOSIS AT SCHOOL<sup>1</sup>



## Student positive COVID-19 test result.



**Note:** COVID-19 POC = the designated point of contact (a staff person that is responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns, such as director)

<sup>1</sup> Scenario based on geographic area with community transmission of SARS-COV-2 the virus that causes COVID-19.

<sup>2</sup> The most common symptoms of COVID-19 in children include fever or chills, cough, nasal congestion or runny nose, new loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, diarrhea or vomiting, stomachache, tiredness, headache, muscle or body aches, and poor appetite or poor feeding (especially in babies under 1 year old).

<sup>3</sup> Schools that do not have a universal mask requirement could require masking by students, teachers, and staff if they are experiencing onset of upper respiratory infection symptoms at school while waiting to be picked up or leave the school.

<sup>4</sup> With no known close contact.

<sup>5</sup> Close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more within 2 days prior to illness onset, regardless of whether the contact was wearing a mask. See exception in the definition for the exclusion of students in the K-12 indoor classroom: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact>

<sup>6</sup> To the extent allowable by applicable laws regarding privacy.

<sup>7</sup> CDC guidance provides that people who are fully vaccinated and do not have COVID-19 symptoms do not need to quarantine or get tested after an exposure to someone with COVID-19.

