



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parent of BCCS Students,

There was a recent change in the COVID -19 quarantine orders as of this morning. We believe it is important that BCCS parents have this information. I also included a couple other items for your understanding and awareness, Your time and consideration is appreciated.

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MDHHS and KCHD COVID-19 Update: On Friday afternoon, the media relations contacts from the Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon County Health Departments dispersed a joint [Press Release](#) indicating that as of May 5 the enforcement of MDHHS school quarantine guidelines was now a local health department order. This morning KCHD released a [Quarantine Order in Educational Setting](#). While the order recommends that schools continue to follow the MDHHS quarantine guidelines, there are only two conditions where the quarantine of a student is required: if they are a household close contact, or if the close contact involved an outbreak in the school. Please note that it is the school's responsibility to assist with contact tracing and identification and communication of close contacts in the school setting. Therefore, as of today's date, BCCS will follow the required KCHD rules for quarantine; however, parents will be given an option to quarantine students who are identified as a close contact by ways other than what is considered a household close contact or by way of an outbreak.

Senior Tribute: here is the [LINK](#) to the senior tribute video from last Friday for your viewing. As noted, it was a lot of fun for the students and staff to be able to continue this tradition this year. Hope you enjoy the video.

Progress Reports: All 6-12 students in face to face instruction were issued 4th qtr. Progress Reports last Friday. Each student is expected to have a parent sign and return the report to their designated teacher. Please contact the office if you have not received this report for your child. Your oversight is appreciated.

Yard Signs: While we encourage parents to request a *Proud to be a member of BCCS School Family* sign to post in their yard, we ask for one request per family please. If interested, please email the school office ([office@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:office@byroncentercharter.org)).

Student Testing: The End of Year testing continues through the next couple weeks in grades K-8. It can be overwhelming, as many students who recently took the M-STEP are now administered the NWEA MAP tests. Please encourage the students to *put their best foot forward* and do their best. These tests are required of all MI schools.