



## **SLPS COVID Update: March 27, 2021**

Laker Parents,

Spring Lake High School will transition to remote learning next week. Students will be off on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and then attending virtual classes Tuesday through Thursday.

This was a difficult decision but feels right given the following facts:

1. SLHS is the location of the vast majority of case activity within our school district.
2. The positivity rate and case rate within Ottawa County has increased significantly over the past two weeks. While these increases are not identical to what we experienced in mid-October through early November, the similarities are striking. I acknowledge that this is observational in nature, but extending the amount of time HS students are away from school by these four days allows them to have a two week break (next week and spring break) from in-person learning while we gain a better understanding of the implications of case activity within our community and region.
3. Dr. Heidel at the OCDPH felt the decision was forward thinking given the variables we are experiencing.

HS athletic teams will continue with their practice and game schedules until further notice. Note that we will be doubling down on mitigation strategies with our athletic teams.

Spring Lake has been a champion within the region and state for in-person learning. I assure all of you that we remain fully committed to in-person learning when we can do so safely and free from the disruptions of near constant contact tracing. This move is preemptive in nature but given all of the variables and our proximity to spring break, it feels necessary.

Regards,

Dennis Futon, Superintendent