

Student Confirmed Positive Case

Purpose

To ensure the health and safety of each member of our school family, the process below applies to students with a **Confirmed Positive Case** of COVID-19. All processes that involve COVID-19 cases will be shared with the Department of Health-Hillsborough as the lead agency for case investigation, contact tracing and quarantine decisions. As always, all student information will remain confidential, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

COVID-19 Symptoms

If anyone (student, employee, or visitor) shows any symptoms of COVID-19, it is extremely important that they not enter any school or district building and should contact their healthcare provider for guidance. COVID-19 symptoms (not associated with previously diagnosed conditions) include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Student Confirmed Case Protocol

1. Parent/guardian should immediately contact the school administration or school nurse after a student receives a positive COVID-19 test result.
2. If the student is at school, they will be isolated and must go home immediately. If they are home, they should remain home.
3. Students may transition to remote learning with their current teachers if able.
4. School administration/school nurse will collect case information, including potential close contacts¹ with the positive student in the 48 hours prior to symptoms or positive test result. Seating charts, bus rosters, extracurricular rosters, athletic rosters, and lunchroom seating will be collected and reviewed.
5. Principal/Supervisor will contact the Region Superintendent/Administrator and a member of the HCPS COVID Team.
6. All documentation (listed in #4) used to confirm or negate direct contact will be emailed to the HCPS COVID team.
7. Principal/Supervisor will utilize the Site COVID Response Checklist to complete the response protocol in a timely fashion.
8. A member of the HCPS COVID Team will provide support to the site COVID Lead/administration.
9. School administration/school nurse will inform close contacts¹ of their exposure and provide direction.
10. HCPS COVID Team will share case information with the Department of Health-Hillsborough as soon as possible including all documentation.
 - Department of Health-Hillsborough will contact the students' families with additional guidance and contact tracing.
11. The HCPS Communication Team will provide site administration with the appropriate communications and notification letters for distribution to staff and students that are identified as a close contact¹ of the confirmed case, or an indirect contact of the confirmed case. The entire school community will also be notified of positive cases on campus.
12. Per the Florida Department of Health, the confirmed positive student will be required to isolate as per below:
 - Until the student receives a negative diagnostic COVID-19 test and is asymptomatic; **OR**
 - 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms or positive test result (if asymptomatic), the student has had no fever for 24 hours and the student's other symptoms are improving; **OR**
 - The student receives written permission to return to school from a medical doctor licensed under chapter 458, an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459 or an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 464 and this documentation is shared with the school site.
13. Classrooms, if affected, will be deep cleaned per HCPS protocols within 24 hours.
14. Follow-up by the Department of Health-Hillsborough will occur, as appropriate, for all identified close contacts¹.
15. Return to athletics protocols will be followed once the student returns to school (if applicable).

¹ Close contact is defined by the CDC as within six (6) feet of an infected person for fifteen (15) minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

Student Close Contact¹ of a Confirmed Positive Case

Purpose

To ensure the health and safety of each member of our school family, the process below applies to students who are a **Close Contact¹ of a Confirmed Positive Case** of COVID-19. All processes that involve COVID-19 cases will be shared with the Department of Health-Hillsborough as the lead agency for case investigation, contact tracing and quarantine decisions. As always, all student information will remain confidential, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

COVID-19 Symptoms

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Student Close Contact¹ of a Confirmed Positive Case Protocol

1. Parent/guardian will be contacted immediately by the school administration or school nurse if a student is determined to be a close contact of a confirmed positive case.
2. Parents or legal guardians of students who are known to have been in direct contact with an individual who received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 may choose one of the following options:
 - Allow the student to attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property, so long as the student remains asymptomatic **OR**
 - Quarantine the student for a period of time not to exceed seven days from the date of last direct contact with the individual that is positive for COVID-19.
3. Parent or legal guardian will communicate their decision with the school at the time of notification or as per the procedure communicated by the school with families.
4. The HCPS Communication Team will provide site administration with the appropriate communications and notification letters for distribution to staff and students who are identified as a close contact¹ of the confirmed case. The entire school community will be notified of positive cases on campus.
5. Per the Florida Department of Health, the parent or legal guardian of a close contact¹ of a confirmed positive may choose to quarantine their student for the length noted below:
 - Students will be quarantined for up to 7 days if they remain symptom free and can return to school on day 8.
 - Students who are vaccinated or who have tested positive in the last 90 days do not need to quarantine.
 - Students who were within three (3) to six (6) feet of an infected student where both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks will be excluded from quarantine.
6. HCPS COVID Team will share case information with the Department of Health-Hillsborough as soon as possible including all documentation. Follow-up by the Department of Health-Hillsborough will occur, as appropriate, for all identified close contacts¹.
 - Department of Health-Hillsborough may contact the student's parent with additional guidance and contact tracing.
 - Department of Health-Hillsborough will enroll the student in a daily symptom monitoring text message program.
7. Students **must** meet the following criteria to remain in or return to school:
 - No evidence of COVID-19 symptoms at any time during the quarantine period
 - If COVID-19 tested, have received a negative COVID-19 test result, and share those results with the school site.
8. Close contacts¹ of a confirmed positive case are not required to be COVID-19 tested before returning to school.
9. Close contacts¹ of a confirmed positive case who develop symptoms within 14 days after exposure cannot return to school and must seek medical attention.
10. Return to athletics protocols will be followed once the student returns to school (if applicable).

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