

## **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 activities under the direction of their current teachers if able.
4. School administration/school nurse will collect case information, including potential close contacts<sup>1</sup> 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 will contact the Region Superintendent/Administrator and contact a member of the HCPS COVID Team.
6. Principal/Supervisor will utilize the Site COVID Response Checklist to complete the response protocol in a timely fashion.
7. A member of the HCPS COVID Team will provide support to the site COVID Lead/administration.
8. All documentation (listed in #4) used to confirm or negate direct contact will be shared with the HCPS COVID team.
9. HCPS COVID Team will share case information with the Department of Health-Hillsborough as soon as possible.
10. Department of Health-Hillsborough will lead the formal investigation.
  - School administration/school nurse will notify parents/guardians of close contacts<sup>1</sup> and provide guidance.
11. Department of Health-Hillsborough may contact students' parents/guardians with additional guidance and contact tracing.
12. 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 contact<sup>1</sup> of the confirmed case. The entire school community will also be notified of positive cases on campus.
13. Per CDC and Florida Department of Health, the confirmed positive student will be required to isolate for the length of time noted 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 without the use of fever-reducing medication and overall symptoms have improved **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.
14. Parents/guardians of students determined to be close contacts<sup>1</sup> will be notified of exposure. Please see, *Student Close Contact of a Confirmed Positive Case* on the next page.
15. Classrooms, if affected, will be deep cleaned per HCPS protocols within 24 hours.
16. Follow-up by the Department of Health-Hillsborough may occur, as appropriate, for all identified close contacts<sup>1</sup>.
17. Return to athletics protocols will be followed once the student returns to school (if applicable).

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<sup>1</sup> 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 Contact<sup>1</sup> 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 Contact<sup>1</sup> 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.

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### Student Close Contact<sup>1</sup> 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. Per Florida House Bill 1-B (11/18/21), a student who is the close contact<sup>1</sup> of a confirmed positive case is not required to quarantine if they remain symptom free.
3. 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 not to exceed 7 days from the date of last direct contact with the individual that is positive for COVID-19 **OR**
  - Quarantine the student for 4 days and return to school on day 5 if a diagnostic test performed on day 5 or later is negative and they remain symptom free.
  - Students who are fully vaccinated or who have tested positive in the last 90 days do not need to quarantine.
4. 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.
5. 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 contact<sup>1</sup> of the confirmed case. The entire school community will be notified of positive cases on campus.
6. HCPS COVID Team will share case information with the Department of Health-Hillsborough as soon as possible including all documentation.
7. Department of Health-Hillsborough may contact the student's parent with additional guidance and contact tracing.
8. Follow-up by the Department of Health-Hillsborough may occur, as appropriate, for all identified close contacts<sup>1</sup>.
9. Students who quarantine **must** meet the following criteria to remain in or return to school:
  - No evidence of COVID-19 symptoms at any time during the post exposure or quarantine period.
  - If COVID-19 tested, have received a negative COVID-19 test result, and share those results with the school site.
10. Close contacts<sup>1</sup> of a confirmed positive case are not required to be COVID-19 tested before returning to school if they remain symptom free.
11. Close contacts<sup>1</sup> of a confirmed positive case should seek medical attention if symptoms develop.
12. Return to athletics protocols will be followed once the student returns to school (if applicable).

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