



Student COVID-19 Protocols

8.22.22

If a STUDENT Tests Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)

Regardless of vaccination status:

- The parent/guardian or school staff should notify the school nurse.
- Isolate at home for 5 days from the onset of symptoms or positive test result.
 - Day 1 is the day AFTER onset of symptoms or positive test result (Test date only used if asymptomatic)
 - Return to school on day 6 if no fever on day 5 and other symptoms have improved
- Student attendance should be marked "Excused" just as with other illnesses.
- Students will not be mandated to wear facial coverings.
- Hillsborough County Public Schools will comply with K-12 state guidance.

School site Student Health Staff are responsible for:

- Informing parents/guardians/school staff of the student's isolation dates.
- Completing the Epidemiology Line List (including test date and type of test) according to current HCPS (Hillsborough County Public Schools) Student Health/Department of Health-Hillsborough guidance.
 - Home test results ARE NOT reported to the Department of Health-Hillsborough.
 - Email the spreadsheet ONLY if the student was tested by a medical professional in an office or lab.
 - ALL student cases, regardless of test type should be recorded locally, however.
- Emailing the line list **directly to:** epicovidreport@flhealth.gov
 - The Department of Health-Hillsborough is the lead agency for case investigation.

If a STUDENT is Exposed to Someone with COVID-19

Regardless of vaccination status:

- Asymptomatic students who are close contacts (exposed) to a COVID-19 positive individual are not required to quarantine if they remain asymptomatic.
- After a known exposure, if symptoms develop and the student is not tested, return on day 6 after symptom onset is recommended. Students must be fever free 24 hours prior to returning to school.



Employee COVID-19 Protocols

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If an EMPLOYEE Tests Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)

Regardless of vaccination status:

- The employee should notify their administrator/site supervisor.
- Isolate at home for 5 days from the onset of symptoms or positive test result.
 - Day 1 is the day AFTER onset of symptoms or positive test result (Test date only used if asymptomatic)
 - Return to work on day 6 if no fever on day 5 and other symptoms have improved
- COVID Leave is no longer available; employees may use sick or personal time.
- Employees will not be mandated to wear facial coverings.
- Employer-facilitated testing through TGH is no longer available.

School site/work site administrator/supervisor/designee is responsible for:

- Informing the employee of their isolation dates.
- Completing the [COVID Positive Employee Spreadsheet](#) (Including test date and type of test) according to current HCPS/Department of Health-Hillsborough guidance.
 - Home test results ARE NOT reported to the Department of Health-Hillsborough.
 - Email the spreadsheet ONLY if the employee was tested by a medical professional in an office or lab.
 - ALL employee cases, regardless of test type should be recorded locally, however.
- Emailing the spreadsheet **directly to:** epicovidreport@flhealth.gov
 - The Department of Health-Hillsborough is the lead agency for case investigation.

If an EMPLOYEE is Exposed to Someone with COVID-19

Regardless of vaccination status:

- Asymptomatic employees who are close contacts (exposed) to a COVID-19 positive individual do not need to quarantine if they remain asymptomatic.
- After a known exposure, if symptoms develop and the employee is not tested, return on day 6 after symptom onset is recommended. Employees must be fever free 24 hours prior to returning to work.