

Student and Employee Exposure to COVID-19 After Vaccination

Purpose

To ensure the health and safety of each member of our school family, the process below applies to students and employees **who are exposed to COVID-19 after being vaccinated** for 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 and employee information will remain confidential in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Substitute teachers from Kelly Services are included in this protocol.

Exposure to COVID-19 After Vaccination Protocol

1. COVID Lead/Principal/Supervisor will inform close contacts¹ of their exposure to a COVID-19 positive case.
2. As per the CDC and the Department of Health-Hillsborough, vaccinated students and employees with an exposure to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 **are not required** to quarantine if they meet **all** the following criteria:
 - Student or employee is fully COVID-19 vaccinated (more than two weeks following receipt of the second dose in a two-dose series or more than two weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine); **and**
 - Student or employee has remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure.
3. Students or employees who do not meet all the above criteria should continue to follow current quarantine guidance, as described in HCPS COVID-19 Response Protocols, after exposure to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19.
4. **This guidance does not apply to vaccinated inpatients and residents in health care or other long-term care facility settings, who should continue to quarantine following an exposure to COVID-19.**

Documentation of COVID-19 Vaccination Protocol

1. Parents of students and employees that meet the criteria above should notify their school/principal/supervisor.
2. At this time, parents of vaccinated students and employees will be required to show their "COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card" as proof of completed vaccination to their school/principal/supervisor to be excluded from quarantine.
3. Parents of vaccinated students and employees will provide this documentation voluntarily. No one can be excluded from quarantine without documented proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

¹Close 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.