

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. 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, related to the positive student in the 48 hours prior to symptom onset or positive test result if asymptomatic. Seating charts, bus rosters, extracurricular rosters, athletic rosters, and lunchroom seating will be collected and reviewed.
5. Principal will contact a member of the HCPS COVID Team as needed and the HCPS COVID Team will provide support to the site COVID Lead/administration.
6. Principal/Supervisor will utilize the Site COVID Response Checklist to complete the response protocol in a timely fashion.
7. HCPS COVID Team will share positive case information with the Department of Health-Hillsborough as soon as possible.
8. Department of Health-Hillsborough will follow Florida Department of Health protocols for case investigation.
9. Department of Health-Hillsborough may contact students' parents/guardians.
10. The HCPS Communication Team will provide school administration with communications to send to staff and students who attended class(es) where a confirmed positive COVID-19 case was reported. The entire school community will be notified of positive cases on campus.
11. **Per Florida Department of Health, the confirmed positive student will be required to isolate for the length of time noted below:**
 - **10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms or positive test result (if asymptomatic), the student has been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and overall symptoms have improved OR**
 - **Until the student is asymptomatic and receives a negative diagnostic COVID-19 lab test 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.**
12. Per Florida House Bill 1B (11/18/21) district school boards are prohibited from requiring students to wear a face mask. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance indicating students can end isolation on Day 6 if they wear a mask cannot be applied.
13. Parents/guardians of students who attend the same class(es), extracurricular activities and HCPS after school programs as the confirmed positive COVID-19 case will be notified.
14. Classrooms, if affected, will be deep cleaned per HCPS protocols within 24 hours.
15. Return to athletics protocols will be followed once the student returns to school (if applicable).

Student Contact with 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 attended class(es) with a person who is a Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Case. All processes that involve COVID-19 cases will be shared with the Department of Health-Hillsborough. As always, all student information will remain confidential, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Effective 1/31/22:

The Florida Department of Health has shifted COVID-19 case investigation focus to: “High-risk congregate settings” (nursing homes/skilled nursing/assisted living facilities, correctional facilities, homeless shelters, group homes) at high risk for secondary transmission and or poor health outcomes among their residents as a result of COVID-19 infection. Public schools and daycare settings are not considered congregate settings.

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Student Contact with a Confirmed Positive Case Protocol

1. Parents/guardians will be contacted by text message and/or email from the school administration if a person confirmed positive for COVID-19 (employee or student) has attended their student’s class(es). The school will provide additional clarifying information to parents on request.
2. The HCPS Communication Team will provide school administration with communications to send to staff and students who attended class(es) where a confirmed positive COVID-19 case was reported. The entire school community will be notified of positive cases on campus.
3. Per Florida House Bill 1-B (11/18/21), a student who is a close contact of a confirmed positive COVID-19 case is not required to quarantine if they remain symptom free.
4. Parents or legal guardians of students with a confirmed positive COVID-19 case in their class(es) *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. Schools can provide guidance if requested.
5. Parents or legal guardians who choose to quarantine their student will communicate their decision with the school after receiving notification or as per the procedure communicated by the school.
6. HCPS COVID Team will share case information with the Department of Health-Hillsborough as soon as possible including all documentation.
7. 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 lab test result, and share those results with the school site.
8. Students with a confirmed positive COVID-19 case in their class(es) are not required to be COVID-19 tested before returning to school if they remain symptom free.
9. Students with a confirmed positive COVID-19 case in their class(es) should seek medical attention if symptoms develop.
10. Return to athletics protocols will be followed once the student returns to school (if applicable).