

Dear HPCS Families:

We understand you may have questions when your child becomes ill, is identified as a close contact, or tests positive for Covid-19. Please refer to the information below for any questions regarding protocols and processes.

To report your student's POSITIVE COVID-19 test, please contact the office:

Phone: 608-836-7170 or Email: office@hpcsmadison.org

Please include the date the test was collected, the date your student's symptoms started (if applicable), and leave a callback number and/or email. We will notify your student's teacher(s) and get back to you with the date your student may return to school.

Individuals testing positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate at home for at least 5 days from symptom onset (symptom onset being day 0 OR test collection date being day 0 if they are not experiencing symptoms). They may return to school on day 6 or later if their symptoms have improved, and they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication. They will be required to wear a mask when inside at school through day 10. Individuals unable or unwilling to wear a well-fitted mask will need to continue to isolate at home through day 10.

To report that your student has had CLOSE CONTACT with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please contact the office:

Phone: 608-836-7170 or Email: office@hpcsmadison.org

Please include the date(s) of the contact with the positive case, and leave a callback number and/or email. It is also helpful to know the date of the positive case's test, as well as when the positive case's symptoms started if you have that information. We will notify your student's teacher(s) and get back to you with the dates your student will need to mask while at school.

Individuals exposed to COVID-19 do not need to quarantine unless they develop symptoms, but they are required to wear a mask when inside at school through day 10 (date of last exposure is day 0). Individuals unable or unwilling to wear a well-fitted mask will need to quarantine at home through day 10.

If your student is sick:

Symptoms are considered consistent with COVID-19 when one class A symptom or two Class B symptoms listed below are present:

Class A Symptoms – ONE or more of:

- New cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of smell or taste

OR

Class B Symptoms – TWO or more of:

- Fever of 100°F or higher
- Excessive fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle or body aches
- Body chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

*If your child is NOT experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19, see information at the bottom of this document.

Students Experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms Are Required to Stay Home Until Either:

- They get a **negative PCR (or other molecular) COVID test at a clinic or pharmacy**. They can return to school when their symptoms have improved, and they have been fever free for more than 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- They have **TWO negative antigen tests taken 48 hours apart**. Each home test must be labeled with the date and time the test was administered, and a picture of the negative test emailed to office@hpcsmadison.org. They can return to school when their symptoms have improved, and they have been fever free for more than 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- They do not get tested:

- They can return to school 5 days (may return on the 6th day) after symptom onset if their symptoms have improved, and they have been fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication. They will need to mask at school for days 6-10 following symptom onset.
- They are diagnosed with an illness other than COVID by a healthcare provider: They can return once they have completed the recommended initial treatment and have been fever free for more than 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication (Example: Diagnosed with strep throat, can return after being on antibiotics for 24 hours). Please see the HPCS Parent Handbook section 9.2 for more details.

Steps for Parents/Guardians to Follow When Your Child Is Sick:

- Email office@hpcsmadison.org or call the school at 608-836-7170 and leave a message which includes your child's symptoms and onset date. **NOTE: To avoid extra phone calls, it's important that you leave detailed information.** If your child is experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19, the office will note the student is required to be out for 5 days (may return on the 6th day), followed by 5 days of masking, unless either a negative PCR test result, or two negative antigen tests taken 48 hours apart (see above for details) is received allowing for an early return.

****If your child is NOT experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19, or requiring a COVID-19 test,** they should remain home until symptoms have resolved as outlined in section 9.2 of the HPCS Parent Handbook. This would include staying home from school if your student:

- Has a fever above 100 degrees. Children should stay home until no fever has been present for 24 hours **without medication.**
- Has vomiting or diarrhea. Your child can return to school when symptom-free for 24 hours, and the child can tolerate a regular diet.
- Has yellow/green nasal discharge, a drainage from the eyes, Conjunctivitis (pink eye), a questionable rash, or a contagious cough. Children should be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Has been prescribed an antibiotic. Children may return to school 24 hours after the first dose.

- Has chicken pox. Children may return to school when all blisters have scabbed over, at about 10 days.
- Has a communicable illness such as a common cold, hand-foot-and-mouth disease, impetigo, flu, or rotavirus. Children may return to school when their symptoms have cleared.
- If a child has a continual runny nose or rash due to a non-contagious condition, please provide the school with a note from a physician clearing the child to return to school. All student allergies should be reported to the school in the medical information section of the Family Portal.