

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.

To report your student has been identified as a CLOSE CONTACT, 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 date your student may return to school.

To report that your student is ill (with COVID-19 or non-COVID-19 symptoms), please contact the office:

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

Please leave a message which includes all of your child's symptoms and onset date. **NOTE: To avoid extra phone calls, it's important that you leave detailed information.**

SECTION A: If your student is sick with COVID-19 symptoms:

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 in section B of this document.

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

❖ They get a clinical **PCR or TMA test** and have a negative result. Please note: Over the counter/at home rapid antigen tests, such as the Binax Now, are NOT acceptable as reliability is poor. A list of free testing locations can be found [here](#).

If you receive a negative PCR or TMA test result, email a copy to office@hpcsmadison.org. The office will note that the student is allowed to return when their symptoms have improved, and they have been fever-free for 24 hours without medication.

❖ They do not get tested:

They can return to school 10 days (may return on the 11th day) after symptom onset if their symptoms have improved, and they have been fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.

❖ 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.

Please work with teachers regarding a learning plan/missing work during any absence.

SECTION B: 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.