

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 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 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

Students experiencing COVID-19 symptoms are required to stay home until one of the following options is completed:

- 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.
- **If your student has not had a known exposure to Covid-19 in the last 10 days**, all of their symptoms have resolved (in accordance with the HPCS illness policy), and they've been fever-free for 24 hours without medication, HPCS will also

accept a single negative antigen test **taken the morning the student is returning to school**. The 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. Once the negative test has been emailed to us, you may assume your student is cleared to return to school—you do not need to wait for a confirmation email from the office.

- 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.