

Good Afternoon and Happy New Year!

We hope you and your family have had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Unfortunately we are starting our spring semester with another surge in COVID cases, but as He has done in the past our God will continue to sustain us through this season. He is faithful and He is still on the throne. As Revelation 19:6 says, “Hallelujah for the Lord our God the Almighty Reigns.”

On December 27th, the CDC made some changes to COVID isolation and quarantine protocols. As a result HBCS will follow the following isolation and quarantine guidelines:

- If a student or staff member has a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, he or she will isolate at home for 5 days and if they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), he or she may return to school, but must wear a mask until 10 days from first COVID symptom or positive test.
- If a student or staff member has come in close contact with a COVID positive individual (greater than 15 minutes of interaction less than six feet away; this includes 48 hours before the person started showing symptoms or 48 hours before a positive test result if the person was asymptomatic.), he or she will quarantine at home for 5 days. *Unless you have documentation from a licensed physician clearing you to return prior to the 5 day quarantine.* Upon returning to school, the individual must wear a mask for an additional 5 days.
 - ***Students and staff members who have been vaccinated (less than 6 months after the second dose of Pfizer or Moderna or 2 months after Johnson and Johnson OR vaccinated and boosted) do not need to be quarantined, but must wear a mask for 10 days following exposure.***
 - ***Vaccinated individuals should quarantine if someone in their immediate household has tested positive and they are showing any flu related symptoms. They should quarantine during the household members' infectious period.***
******NOTE***It is strongly recommended that you quarantine from the infected person even though you are vaccinated.***

If your student cannot consistently wear a mask for the additional five days after completing a five day quarantine, you can choose to have him or her stay home and complete a ten day quarantine.

As we return to school, it is vital that your child stay home until cleared by a doctor if he or she is showing any signs of illness. It is also vital that, if your child has been in close contact with a COVID positive individual, he or she follows the above guidelines before returning to school. If you have any questions, please email the HBCS administration or call the school office.

Our goal is to keep everyone safe and learning in school.

Thank you,
HBCS Administration