

## HBCS Covid Update 1/6/22

Good Afternoon,

As we continue to walk through this season of COVID, we would like to highlight a few things.

1. Students who are required to wear a mask to return from COVID isolation or quarantine must correctly wear a properly fitted mask (not a neck gaiter) at all times while on campus. If a student is not correctly wearing the mask (over the nose and mouth), he or she will be immediately sent home to quarantine until his or her mask wearing time has been completed (students sent home will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities). Warnings will not be given. If your students cannot wear his or her mask correctly, they should complete the standard ten day quarantine. Students who are not vaccinated must complete a five day quarantine for covid exposure. ***Unless you have documentation from a licensed physician clearing you to return prior to the 5 day quarantine.*** If documentation from a licensed physician states that your child may return to school, he or she must wear a mask until 10 days have passed since the exposure.

Our desire is to keep all students in school. However, we are also working to create an environment that is safe for all students. We care deeply about each student and family and will continue to do what is in the best interest of all students and families.

While masks are not required, we recommend that you consider having your student wear a mask when within six feet of others to help reduce the potential for more quarantines during this current COVID surge.

Below you will find our guidelines for quarantining students. Please do not send your student to school if he or she is considered a close contact or is showing any sick symptoms at all.

On the next page you will find details of our isolation and quarantine guidelines.

Thank you,

HBCS Administration

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.**