

## Quarantine Protocol for School Exposures

We understand that these days are confusing and frustrating. We know there are many differing opinions. We would like to take a moment to explain our quarantine protocol for school exposures.

According to the CDC we must quarantine all students who are within 6ft of a COVID positive individual for longer than 15 minutes. However, we do not have to quarantine students who are within 3 ft of a COVID positive individual if both individuals are properly masked.

In an effort to keep students in school we will create an area in each 7th-12th grade classroom where students who choose to wear a mask can be seated next to others who choose to wear a mask. Students who sit in the mask section of the classroom will not need to quarantine due to a school related exposure unless they are around unmasked students (ex. Lunchtime).

Masks are not required in class, but we wanted to give our 7th-12th grade students and families the option of this mask section to help reduce possible quarantines. We understand that everyone has to do what is best for his or her family, and it is our prayer that this will help. We know that keeping students in school is the best option for their education.

A note about quarantine schooling: If your student is on quarantine, he or she should be logging into google classroom and checking emails. Some teachers will post recordings of the class and other teachers will have students join the class live. Students are responsible for their school work while in quarantine, and should come back to school prepared for any tests, quizzes, or with any work to turn in.

Thank you,

HBCS Administration