

**Hmong College Prep Academy**  
**Covid-19 Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan 2022-2023**  
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**HCPA COVID Preventative Learning Plan**

“CDC guidance was designed to inform the selection of effective layered prevention strategies and to support them in transitioning learning environments to reflect changes in the level of transmission of COVID-19 occurring in their communities. Schools should maintain awareness of COVID-19 transmission levels in their local community and the vaccination status of the population they serve when making determinations about the use of COVID-19 layered prevention strategies in their facilities”.

Community transmission and vaccination coverage in the local community will be monitored using CDC’s COVID Data Tracker:

[CDC COVID Data Tracker: COVID-19 Integrated County View - Vaccinations](#)

[CDC COVID Data Tracker: COVID-19 Integrated County View - Level of Community Transmission](#)

**Changes to HCPA Mask Policy 2022 - 2023**

Due to the **low** COVID transmission rates in the counties surrounding HCPA, our K-12 school will be adjusting the current masking policy.

- **As of June 1 2022**, masks were strongly recommended during outside school activities but no longer required. Masks were required inside school buildings.
  
- **As of June 13 2022**, masks were recommended for both **outside** school activities and **inside** school buildings but no longer required.

HCPA will continue to monitor the COVID transmission rates and adjust mask requirements accordingly.

TRANSMISSION LEVEL	Low	Moderate	Substantial	High
<b>Face Coverings</b> <a href="#">How to Safely Wear your Mask (English), Hmong, Karen</a>	Beginning June 13th, 2022 Masks recommended, but not required	Beginning June 13th, 2022 Masks recommended, but not required .	Universal masking indoors and outdoors required (no matter vaccination status)  <i>*Except while eating.</i> *Exceptions can be made for the following categories of people: A person who <a href="#">cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask</a> , because of a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.). Discuss the possibility of <a href="#">reasonable accommodation external icon</a> with workers who are unable to wear or have difficulty wearing certain types of masks because of a disability.	Universal masking indoors and outdoors required (no matter vaccination status)  <i>*Except while eating</i> *Exceptions can be made for the following categories of people: A person who <a href="#">cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask</a> , because of a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.). Discuss the possibility of <a href="#">reasonable accommodation external icon</a> with workers who are unable to wear or have difficulty wearing certain types of masks because of a disability.

**HCPA Discontinues with Contact Tracing for COVID-19**

Effective immediately, students and staff who tested positive will no longer be contacted by a public health worker to give information on public health services on quarantine, COVID-19 testing locations, and masks. [Contact tracing is no longer recommended by the CDC.](#)

HCPA student/staff members testing positive for COVID-19 or having symptoms will no longer serve their quarantine/isolation for a minimum of 10 **consecutive** days. Quarantine or isolation has *changed to a minimum 5 days* due to the low transmission of COVID-19 within the community levels. Data to determine the transmission level of COVID-19 will be from the CDC. The change of 10 days to 5 days align directly with the CDC guidelines.

## HCPA Preventative and Protocol for COVID-19

<b>Vaccination</b>	<p>We encourage all students, families, and staff to get vaccinated.</p> <p><a href="#">Frequently Asked Questions About How COVID-19 Vaccines Are Made (English)</a>, <a href="#">Hmong</a>, <a href="#">Karen</a></p>
<b>Staying Home when sick and getting tested</b>	<p>Staying home when sick with symptoms of COVID-19 is essential to keep infectious diseases, such as influenza and COVID-19, out of the school setting.</p> <p>HCPA adhere to MDH's <a href="#">COVID-19 Isolation Guide for schools, child care, and youth programming</a></p> <p><a href="#">COVID-19 Symptoms (English)</a>, <a href="#">Hmong</a>, <a href="#">Karen</a> <a href="#">What Should you do if you Feel Sick? (English)</a>, <a href="#">Hmong</a>, <a href="#">Karen</a> <a href="#">Testing for Covid-19 (English)</a>, <a href="#">Hmong</a>, <a href="#">Karen</a></p>
<b>Ventilation, Facilities and PPE</b>	<p>Our custodial staff will significantly increase the wiping down and disinfecting of public spaces and high-touch surfaces across our building and throughout the school day.</p> <p>We will also provide greater access to cleaning materials for our teachers and staff so that they can clean and disinfect spaces, as needed.</p> <p>Each classroom will receive a PPE kit including gloves, face shields, extra masks and disinfectant.</p> <p>Sanitization stations including gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer will be on each floor and placed in high-traffic areas.</p> <p>We have also made major improvements to ventilation through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newly installed air filters on every heating/cooling system throughout the school</li><li>• Portable air purification devices with hospital-grade HEPA filters will be placed in all high-traffic areas, including cafeterias.</li></ul>
<b>Transition to Distance Learning</b>	<p>In the event that school operations can not be conducted safely and successfully, HCPA may opt to transition to distance learning.</p>
<b>Transportation</b>	<p>Families are responsible for checking their student's symptoms <i>before they go to the bus stop</i>.</p> <p>Weather permitting, windows will be open to help increase air circulation.</p>

**Quarantine and Isolation**

[MDH defines \*\*quarantine\*\* as staying home and away from others when you may have had \*\*close contact\*\* with \(exposure to\) COVID-19.](#)

- Students and staff will quarantine for a minimum of **5 days**. COVID-19 testing is encouraged prior to returning to school or work. MDH identifies day 1 as the first full day after close contact with a person who has had COVID-19. If symptoms occur, then get tested for COVID-19 immediately.

[According to the Minnesota Department of Health \(MDH\), \*\*isolation\*\* is defined as staying home and away from others when you test \*\*positive\*\*, feel sick, or have symptoms of COVID-19.](#)

- All staff and students who test positive for COVID-19 will be in isolation at home for a **minimum of 5 days** or until the staff/student is fever-free (your temperature is 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or lower) for at least 24 hours, without using medicine that lowers fevers.
- If symptoms continue, how long to stay home? [MDH guidelines on how long to stay home.](#)