
COVID-19 School Updates

Fall 2022

Masks

Based on current county transmission rates, **masks are recommended, but not required on HCPA's campus for all staff and students.** We encourage you and your child to determine what makes most sense for your family. Masks will continue to be available in classrooms and at school entrances. Adjustments to our masking expectations may be made throughout the school year pending information on county COVID-19 transmission rates and internal cases.

Building and Classroom Safety

High standards of cleanliness continue to be of importance on HCPA's campus. Our custodial staff will continue wiping and disinfecting public spaces and high-touch surfaces across our building throughout the school day. All staff will have access to cleaning materials so that they can clean and disinfect spaces as needed. Each classroom will receive a PPE kit including gloves, face shields, extra masks, and disinfectant. Sanitation stations with gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer will continue to be placed on each floor and in high-traffic areas. Our air filtering system continues to operate on every heating/cooling system throughout the school. Portable air purification devices with hospital-grade HEPA filters will be placed in all high-traffic areas, including cafeterias.

Contact Tracing

Like other local school districts, HCPA will no longer conduct contact tracing following a positive COVID-19 case report. Recommendations for isolation or quarantine will focus on individuals with symptoms as well as positive cases and their household members only. Families will no longer be notified if someone in their student's class, bus, or other extracurricular activity has tested positive for COVID-19. As required, HCPA will continue to report confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the staff or student body to the Minnesota Department of Health. **If your student(s) tests positive for COVID-19, please contact our health office team immediately at 612-209-8002.**

Quarantine and Isolation

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. HCPA will continue to follow the Minnesota Department of Health's recommendations for isolation and quarantine. More information and details may be found at hcpak12.org.

- If your child is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, please keep your student home, contact HCPA, and have your child tested via at-home test, COVID-19 testing center, or doctor's visit.
- **Students who test positive for COVID-19 must stay home for a minimum of 5 days** from the test date or onset of symptoms. Students may return on Day 6 if they are fever-free (temperature is 100.4°F or lower) for at least 24 hours, without using medicine that lowers fevers, and if their symptoms have improved. When returning to school, students must wear a well-fitting mask for Days 6-10.
- If a student tests positive for COVID-19, siblings who are not fully vaccinated must also stay home for a minimum of 10 days. Fully vaccinated siblings are not required to quarantine.
- If a student exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 while at school, they will be assessed by our health office team. If deemed necessary, they will be sent home along with siblings who are not fully vaccinated.
- The Minnesota Department of Health's definition of "fully vaccinated" is having received all recommended vaccine doses and eligible boosters, with at least two weeks having past since the date of the last dose.