

## Huntingdon Area School District COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

### Social Distancing

What are the expectations for social distancing guidelines in our classrooms?

The classroom environments will return to normal for the start of the 2022-23 school year as no social distance guidelines are recommended for schools.

### Masking

Do students have to wear a mask at school?

Students do not have to wear a mask per the school board local decision based on current CDC guidelines. This includes students PreKindergarten through 12th Grade.

Does my child have to wear a mask on the bus?

No, the recommendation at this time is to not require masking on public transportation which includes school buses. This includes PreKindergarten students as well.

Are masks required at extracurricular and sporting events?

The mask guidelines at extracurricular and sporting events are governed by the Health and Safety Plan, so NO you are not required to wear masks as they are optional

### Quarantine Requirements

What is required for schools in reporting and quarantining students and staff?

In alignment with requirements in Title 28 Pa. Code Chapter 27 (relating to communicable and noncommunicable diseases), schools must:

- Report positive cases of COVID-19
- Exclude school children and staff from having contact with other school children or staff showing symptoms of a communicable disease.

What happens if my student is COVID positive?

**If Your Student Tests Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)** Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must stay home for 5 days. The student will do their school work remotely. If your student has no symptoms or your child's symptoms are resolved after 5 days including no fever, they can return to school as normal. It is not required to wear a mask upon the student's return to school after quarantining.

What if my child is a close contact to another student or family member with NO symptoms?

The School District is not required to quarantine students who do not show symptoms or who do not have a positive test. If your child has had exposure at school, the nurse will contact you for the purposes of monitoring. Please monitor your child for symptoms. If no symptoms are evident, your child can continue to come to school. COVID at home testing is suggested to help prevent the spread if possible to monitor, but not required. The district does have some limited number of tests. If you have a need, contact the school nurse. If your child develops symptoms stay home and follow up with testing. Report any illness or positive test results to the school nurse and follow the protocol for testing positive above.