

HUNTINGDON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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"ALL LEARNERS, ALL FUTURES"

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Huntingdon Area School District administration has been informed that an HAHS staff member tested positive for Covid-19 on January 21, 2021. ***There are no close contacts within the school that have been identified.*** In collaboration with the Department of Health, contact investigation began, and today the contact tracing process was completed by the administration. All those who were identified as a close contact have been notified by the district.

As per the Pennsylvania Department of Education website, a "close contact" is defined as individuals who have been exposed (within 6 feet distance for at least 15 consecutive minutes) to someone who has been infected by the virus and it is unknown if the close contact will go on to develop Covid-19. All parents/guardians of learners that were in "close contact" have been contacted directly by the coaching staff, building administration, or nurses prior to the release of this letter. If you have not been notified at this time, then you are not considered a close contact by the school district.

The Huntingdon Area School District administration has been and will continue to be in communication with the Department of Health (DOH). The administration will monitor all situations regarding Covid-19 and will keep parents/guardians informed. Please see the second page of this update for general guidelines regarding quarantine lengths and close contact information.

Thank-you for your attention to this matter. We greatly appreciate the support of all of our families during this time of Covid-19.

Sincerely,

Travis R. Lee
HAHS Principal

Covid-19 Quarantine Information

Please see the information below regarding the length of quarantining time for individuals that test positive for Covid-19, as well as for close contacts. Please understand that guidance provided by the Department of Health (DOH) supersedes any information provided by HASD.

The information below provides a basic overview of the guidelines, but each positive case and close contact determination, and lengths of quarantine, will be made on a case-by-case basis in collaboration with the DOH.

Positive Test: Learner may return to school after 10 days of quarantine, and following the school's 24-hour fever free guidelines

Close Contact of a Positive Test: May return to school after 14 days of quarantine

In the same household of a Positive Test: May return to school after 24 days of quarantine

- If the family member that tests positive is able to immediately isolate within the home, the length of quarantine may be able to be reduced for family members
- If a person tests positive and a few days later a family member in the same household tests positive, then the initial person that tests positive may return after 10 days of quarantine
- Scenario: In a family with multiple children, the mother tests positive. Seven days later, the dad tests positive. The children are close contacts, but have no symptoms. The children's 24 day quarantine will "restart" with the father's positive test result

Items to Note:

- If you have a family member in the same household that is symptomatic and is being tested, please stay home until the results of the test are confirmed
- Those that test positive will return to school sooner than those that are close contacts

Close Contact Tracing for Positive Covid-19 Results:

- Symptomatic - We contact trace two days prior and the day before the person shows symptoms
- Asymptomatic - We contact trace two days prior and the day before the Covid-19 test was administered