

HUNTINGDON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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“ALL LEARNERS, ALL FUTURES”

September 13, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Huntingdon Area School District administration has been informed that one (1) HAHS learner tested positive for Covid-19 on September 12, 2021. This learner was last present at school on Friday, September 10, 2021. A total of eight (8) close contacts have been identified from the school setting. In collaboration with the Department of Health, contact investigation began and the process was completed by the administration. This positive test marks a cumulative amount of 10 positive cases within the building during a fourteen (14) day rolling window. The district will continue to work with the DOH regarding any additional recommendations. The school greatly appreciates the cooperation of school staff, students, and parents/guardians in helping to identify and notify close contacts today and over the weekend.

All those who have currently been identified as a close contact have been notified by the district, as well as the quarantine guidelines, 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.

Please remember that now that a mask mandate is in place, moving forward, learners still may be identified as a close contact, but will not need to quarantine provided that both the individual that tested positive, and the close contact, were both properly wearing masks.

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 10 days of quarantine

- Close contacts must quarantine for 10 days or take a PCR test on or after day 5 with the earliest return being Day 7 with a negative PCR test

In the same household of a Positive Test: May return to school after 20 days of quarantine

- Same household close contacts must quarantine for 20 days or take a PCR test after day 15 with the earliest return being day 18 with a negative PCR test.
 - If a same household close contact is able to isolate from the person that is positive for Covid-19, then the quarantine for the close contact will be 10 days or take a PCR test on or after day 5 with the earliest return being Day 7 with a negative PCR test
- 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 20 day quarantine will "restart" with the father's positive test result

Quarantine if fully vaccinated

- Students do not need to quarantine if identified as being a close contact if they are fully vaccinated, unless they have symptoms
 - Proof of vaccination must be submitted to the school nurse

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
- We will identify close contacts that have been within a 3 ft. radius for 15 minutes or longer of the person that tested positive for Covid-19