

Huntingdon Area School District COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

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[Social Distancing](#)

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

Classrooms will continue to strive for 3 feet of social distancing within classes, when possible, which has been the protocol thus far during the 21-22 school year.

[Masking](#)

Do students have to wear a mask at school?

Students have a choice to mask or not as per the school board local decision as of December 13, 2021.

Why does my child have to wear a mask on the bus?

The federal directive requires all passengers and drivers to wear a mask on school buses. Students and drivers must continue to wear masks on school buses.

Are masks required at extracurricular and sporting events?

Masks are strongly recommended at extracurricular and sporting events, but are not required unless the person is required to quarantine behind a mask due to being identified as a close contact. The mask guidelines at extracurricular and sporting events are governed by the Health and Safety Plan.

If a student is quarantined with a mask, can they take their mask off at lunch or any other time during the school day?

Students can remove their mask at lunch while eating. Additionally seating and tables will be added to provide great distancing.

If a student is quarantined with a mask, are they still able to participate in sports/extracurricular events?

An athlete can still participate if they properly wear a mask at all times, including while they are actively engaged in sport.

How will staff know who is to be masked during the quarantine mask window? A Google Doc with those that need to be masked will be shared with HS/MS staff. Homeroom teachers of students at the elementary level will be notified. Students must wear masks properly, or they will be sent home for the remainder of the 10-day quarantine.

Quarantine Requirements-We will be following the PA Dept of Health Update from 12/30/21

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 to DOH for case investigation, contact tracing, and issuance of quarantine and/or isolation orders; and
- 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 You Test 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 you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolved after 5 days including no fever, you can return to school. You must continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.

If you choose to not wear a mask you will quarantine and do your school work remotely for 10 days at home. The student must participate in assigned education in order for the days to be counted toward their attendance.

What happens if my child is identified as a close contact with NO symptoms?

Options:

- Persons who have received the vaccine to include:
 - A booster vaccine with at least two weeks since injection
 - The primary vaccine series within the last six monthWill be required to wear a **mask around others for 10 days, but do not need to be quarantined at home.** Students must properly wear a mask for 10 days while in the school setting. *If proper masking wearing is not followed the student will be asked to quarantine at home for the remainder of the quarantine period.*
- Persons who are unvaccinated or who completed the primary vaccination series over 6 months ago but have not yet received a booster vaccine must quarantine at home for 5 days. The student may return if symptom free and then wear a mask around others days 6- 10.

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