



HPA Families,

As we see a rise in the number of breakthrough cases of the Delta variant of COVID-19, we would like to share information to make sure students keep up with their schoolwork should they be required to quarantine.

Quarantine Information for Middle and High School:

All students in middle and high school have joined a Google Classroom for each of their classes. If your student is quarantined, they will log into Google Classroom each day. In Google Classroom, students will find recorded lessons and assignments to complete during their quarantine. Students have been instructed to contact their teachers if extra help is needed while at home. After returning from quarantine, students will have 5 days to complete any major tests, labs, etc. that they do not complete at home.

High school students who are taking dual enrollment classes with Spartanburg Community College should email their teachers for assignments if they are quarantined.

Quarantine Information for Elementary:

K-2nd students will be sent home with work for the quarantine period. 3rd - 5th grade students will complete assignments in Google Classroom. For K – 5th grade students, teachers are available (upon parent request) to schedule Google Meet sessions during planning or after school if a student needs further assistance.

8-18-2021 (expanded 8-25-21)

UPDATED QUARANTINE PROTOCOL

School Exposure Summary:

* **10-day quarantine required with close contact of a positive case** (unless the student begins to show signs and symptoms, and at that time would need to contact the nurse office and quarantine dates could change).

Home Exposure Summary:

* Students must quarantine for **10 calendar days from the time of a positive test.**

* Students must quarantine for **20 calendar days per positive exposure at home.** (Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.)

What to do if a household member or student tests positive for COVID-19:

- **Notify the school nurse, Adrienne Clark, of positive test results** by calling 864-316-9788, extension 225, or email aclark@hpart.org.
- Make a list of people with whom your student has been in close contact (less than 6 ft for more than 15 minutes) 48 hours before first exhibiting symptoms. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.
- Once notified the school nurse will contact SC DHEC per state and local laws and notify faculty and families in close contact - while maintaining confidentiality (contact tracing).
- Your student may return to school after 20 days in quarantine AND must be fever-free (without the use of fever-reducing medications) AND have improvement of respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) for at least 24 hours before returning to school.
- Your student should strictly quarantine for a **minimum of 10 days following a positive test.**
- **Contact the school nurse before returning to school.**

What to do if a household member or student was in close contact with a person who tests positive for COVID-19:

- **Notify the school nurse, Adrienne Clark, of possible exposure** by calling 864-316-9788, extension 225, or email aclark@hpart.org.

- Your student should quarantine for 10 days after the last contact with the person with COVID-19. A negative test will not release a student to return to school before the 10 days are complete. (Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.)
- If tested, inform the school nurse of results (email or phone call).
- Once notified the school nurse will contact SC DHEC and contact tracing will begin if the result is positive.
- **Contact the school nurse before returning to school.**

Thank you for your diligence and strict attention to these measures to assist in the safety and wellbeing of our students, teachers and staff and prevent the further spread of COVID-19. You can find more detailed [Health and Safety Measures](#) on our website.

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DATES OF QUARANTINE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF STUDENTS BEGIN TO SHOW SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS.

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES

COVID-19 Prevention Measures for the Return of School (Fall 2021)



Masks

Based on the requirements of the SC General Assembly, the use of face masks is at the discretion of students' families. **Masks are not required for students or staff at this time on campus, regardless of vaccination status. Students and staff are encouraged to wear a mask at their own discretion.**



Sick? Stay home

Students and employees should not come to school if experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. Students or staff found displaying symptoms that are commonly related to COVID-19 will be sent home immediately.



Quarantine & Contact Tracing

Administration and the Nursing Services Office will apply all SC DHEC mandated contact tracing protocols, quarantine, and return to school requirements as each case or exposure mandates, per the most current guidelines. This applies to both staff and students.



Physical Distancing

When possible, student workspaces will be arranged to allow **three feet of distance** between students and when appropriate by age or grade level.



COVID-19 Vaccine

The COVID vaccine is not required for students or staff, but it is encouraged and can greatly reduce the possibility of quarantine.

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Hand Hygiene



Students and staff should practice handwashing and respiratory etiquette (covering mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing) to keep from spreading any infectious illnesses including COVID-19. Hand sanitizer stations are located throughout the HPA campus and hand sanitizer is available in all classrooms. Faculty and staff will encourage students to wash their hands by faculty and staff throughout the day.



Cleaning

Touchpoints will be disinfected on campus daily. Teachers will have access to disinfectant supplies, including disinfecting spray, to clean high-touch areas on a regular basis.



Indoor Events

Indoor athletic and other special events will resume. Seating capacity may be restricted based on the most current COVID conditions and guidelines published by SC DHEC, South Carolina Department of Education, and the SC High School League.



Visitors

Visits to classrooms or to have lunch with students will be restricted until further notice. Parents or guardians may request an appointment with teachers or administrators. Other visitors, such as vendors, will be limited and by appointment only.