

South Harrison Community School Corporation

COVID Guidance - Fall 2021 (updated 8/9/21)

Masks

- Masks will be **optional** for all students and staff in the buildings and on school grounds.
- Masks will be required on school buses per federal mandate.

Track and Isolate Positive Cases:

- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must stay home for 10 days following the onset of symptoms or a positive test result and must be 24 hours fever free without fever reducing medications and symptoms improved before returning from isolation.

An individual is a close contact if **UNVACCINATED** and meets one of the following:

- If anyone in the classroom is unmasked and individual is within 6 feet of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period
- If all individuals are masked in the classroom, an individual is a close contact only if fewer than 3 feet from the person who tested positive for COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period
- In all other areas of the school environment, any unvaccinated individuals within 6 feet of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period

Quarantine:

- **Vaccinated** close contacts do not have to quarantine but should monitor for symptoms, isolate and get tested if symptoms develop.
- **Unvaccinated** individuals who are identified as a close contact must quarantine.
 - Asymptomatic close contacts may return on day 8 (with specific negative testing and precautions), day 11 (with precautions), or day 15 (without testing or precautions).

Temporary Virtual Instruction for Students During Quarantine

Students who are quarantined due to COVID-19 will continue to receive instruction.

- K-6 students will receive daily math and ELA instruction through Google Meet.
- 7-12 students will log into Google Meet for each class period.
- Temporary Virtual Instruction is *only* available for students who are quarantined.
- Temporary Virtual Instruction will begin 24 hours after the quarantine begins.

Symptomatic Students or Staff

- May return with an alternate diagnosis from a medical professional, or
- May return with a negative test result, or
- Quarantine for 10 days (see instructions for temporary virtual instruction).
- COVID testing will be offered at the schools ([COVID Testing Site Information](#)).
- Student absences will be marked unexcused until a COVID test (negative or positive) or a doctor's note is returned to the school. Then, the absences will be marked excused.

Cleaning

- Schools will continue with cleaning, sanitizing, and hygiene protocols.

Assigned Seating and Cohorting

- Students will have assigned seating in the classrooms.
- Students will have cohort grouping in the cafeterias.

Additional Considerations

- Depending on the rate of community spread or spread in school, a mask mandate could be reinstated.
- The superintendent of each district has the authority to adjust all guidelines in consultation with the Harrison County Health Department or the Indiana Department of Health.
- Currently, the best way to ensure a normal school environment for our students is for every eligible person to be vaccinated. A high vaccination rate offers the best protection against variants and the best opportunity for ending this pandemic.