

Hilton Head Preparatory School Response Protocol for COVID -19

Students and staff with symptoms of COVID-19

Students and staff must be excluded from school if they have any of the following with or without **fever**:

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell
- New or worsening cough

Other symptoms may include:

- Sore Throat
- Muscle or body aches
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Congestion or runny nose
- Diarrhea/nausea or vomiting

Students or staff excluded for these symptoms should not return to school until they have either tested negative for COVID -19 or a medical evaluation determines that their symptoms were more likely due to another cause. (ex. Strep throat)

Isolation criteria for COVID -19

Students or staff that test positive for COVID -19 should isolate at home until:

- 10 days have passed since symptoms started - and -
- Twenty-four (24) hours have passed since last fever without taking medicine to reduce fever - and -
- Overall improvement in symptoms.

Students or staff that have symptoms of COVID -19, who do NOT get tested should isolate at home until:

- 10 days have passed since symptoms started - and -
- Twenty-four (24) hours have passed since last fever without taking medicine to reduce fever - and -
- Overall improvement in symptoms

Those who test positive for COVID -19 but do NOT have symptoms will be required to stay out of school until 10 days after the specimen was collected.

Anyone known to be a close contact (defined as being within six feet for more than fifteen minutes) to a COVID -19 case while contagious, must be excluded from school for 10 days after last contact with the infected person.

Cases in the classroom:

Elementary - If a student tests positive for COVID -19, all students will be considered close contact and must complete a 10 day quarantine period. Teachers may continue to work in their rooms during the quarantine period.

Middle/High – If a student tests positive for COVID -19, the Department of Health and Environmental Control will be contacted by school nurse for further guidance.

Quarantine

Student and staff that have been in close contact to a case of COVID -19 must complete a quarantine period.

Close Contact: The quarantine period is 10 days, which begins on the last day that you had close contact with a positive case. You may return to school on day 11, as long as you have remained symptom free during the quarantine period.

Individuals that return to school on day 11, must continue to monitor for symptoms daily until day 14.

Household contact: If the student or staff lives in the same household as a positive Covid -19 case and has daily close contact, they will have to quarantine for an additional 10 days after the day their household member has been cleared from their isolation period.

All households must quarantine together:

If a student is considered to be a “close contact” of a positive Covid -19 case; the student and all siblings of the student will be sent home to complete a 10 day quarantine period.