

Huntingdon SSD - Return to School - COVID Protocols

*All protocols are subject to change based on guidance from health officials, current trends of positive cases in the school and/or community. School attendance policies will be enforced, but students affected by COVID-19 will receive excused absences if proper documentation is provided to the school as outlined in the school handbook.

Social Distancing

Social distancing will be enforced and encouraged where possible but daily school activities will not be limited for students based on social distancing guidelines.

Breakfast/Lunch

Students will be allowed to return to eating breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria similar to Pre-COVID procedures.

School Visitors

Visitors will be allowed in the schools but school administration will limit the number of visitors to classrooms or other areas of limited space. Visitors will be screened prior to entering each school for symptoms.

Masks

Masks are optional. Tennessee Department of Health does recommend masks for any student/staff that is not fully vaccinated. In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition **excludes students if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.** This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

Positive Cases

Based on 7/13/21 Health Department guidance, positive cases must enter a 10-day isolation period which begins with onset of symptoms or specimen collection date if not experiencing symptoms. Verification of a positive test must be submitted to the school principal or designee for absences to be excused. Students will continue their school work through distance learning if feasible or other arrangements will be made by the school and guardian.

Contact Tracing at School

School administration will continue to contact trace in the event of a positive case in the school. Seating charts will be maintained where possible and used during contact tracing. Students' guardian(s) will be contacted if a student is considered a close contact and potentially exposed to a positive case. The following will be considered by school administration and the guardian when choosing to quarantine and remove a student from the school:

1. Current Symptoms
2. Previous case history (last 3 months)
3. Vaccination history (if applicable), *If yes and no symptoms, not required to quarantine
4. Antibody testing (3 months before or immediately following exposure)
5. Limited or no contact with persons of high risk COVID-19 exposure
6. Concerns/benefits for student missing school

*Potential close contacts to exposure who remain at school will be required to:

1. Wear a mask at school through Day 14 from last day of exposure
2. Meet each morning with the school nurse through Day 14 to monitor symptoms (quarantine if symptoms exist)

Household Contact - Students exposed to a household contact will be required to quarantine based on TDOH guidelines.

Separated from Positive Case	Willing to test	Quarantine duration and return to school
Yes	Yes	Test after Day 5 and return to school on Day 8 if negative test and no symptoms
Yes	No	Return to school on Day 11 with no symptoms
No	Yes	Test after Day 15 and return to school on Day 18 if negative and no symptoms
No	No	Return to school on Day 24