

Highland Community School

COVID-19 Safety Protocols Snapshot

Universal Mask Wearing

- Students, staff and visitors will be required to wear a mask inside the building.
- Students will be allowed to remove their masks to eat breakfast and lunch.
- Students will be offered additional mask breaks during outside activities.

Screenings

- Parents will be required to monitor their children for symptoms and check for fever at home. Parents are encouraged to use the Kinsa app to keep track of daily temperatures
- Temperature checks will no longer happen.
- HCS will begin surveillance testing onsite – parents can take their children to be tested or sign consent to have HCS test their child. All testing is voluntary.

Buildings

- Standard nightly cleaning will continue each school night.
- Deep cleaning where there is a positive case of COVID.
- Normal building capacity (all children at school together, no hybrid)
- Sinks and frequent handwashing in all classrooms
- Physical distancing guidelines – 3 feet of distance in the classroom and 6 feet of distance between lunch cohorts when possible. students will eat lunch and breakfast in the classrooms or outside.

Quarantine Guidelines

Who needs to quarantine after exposure a positive case?

1. People who are not vaccinated and have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19.
2. People who develop symptoms again within 3 months of their first bout of COVID-19.
3. People who are vaccinated and have been in close contact and experiencing symptoms.

Who does not need to quarantine after an exposure?

1. People who are fully vaccinated and **not** experiencing any symptoms.
2. People who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered do not have to quarantine or get tested again as long as they do not develop new symptoms.

What counts as Close Contact?

1. You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period, regardless of whether you were wearing a mask.
2. You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19.
3. You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them).

4. You shared eating or drinking utensils.
5. They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you.

How long does the quarantine last?

1. After day 10 without testing.
2. After day 7 if receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later).

After stopping quarantine, individuals should continue to watch for symptoms until 14 days after exposure.

What happens if a student, teacher, or class must quarantine?

1. Student: work will be provided to the student to complete so the student does not fall behind and will receive teacher check-ins.
2. Teacher: a sub will be placed in the class to continue instruction.
3. Class: all students will be provided work and resources from home.