

HENRY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - DECISION TREE FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE FOR STUDENTS and STAFF

COVID-19 symptoms can include (but are not limited to): fever or chills, new cough, difficulty breathing, new sore throat, muscle/body aches, vomiting or diarrhea and/or new loss of taste or smell

COVID-19 symptoms or a fever \geq 100.4

*Follow up with a medical professional is highly recommended if you are exhibiting signs of COVID-19:

*Student/Staff with **NEGATIVE** COVID-19 test **OR**

*Definitive alternate diagnosis from a physician (ie...ear infection, strep throat)

AND/OR

*Fever **AND** symptom free for 24 hours without the use of any medication(s)

Student and Staff may return to school

Positive COVID-19 test **WITH** symptoms

Student/Staff should remain isolated until they have recovered. The method for ending isolation must meet the following three criteria:

1. Fever free for 24 hours without the use of any fever reducing medication **AND**
2. Any COVID-19 related symptom(s) have improved **AND**
3. It has been at least 10 days since the symptom(s) started

Student/Staff may return to school with a release from the health department/health services

Positive COVID-19 test **WITHOUT** symptoms

Student/Staff should remain isolated 10 days from date of the positive test collection. If symptoms develop at any point during this time, student/staff should follow the above, highlighted guidelines for ending isolation.

Student or Staff with a COVID exposure

What counts as close

contact/exposure: Someone who was within 6ft of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes while the person was considered contagious.

Exception: In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were at least >3 feet away from an infected student if both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of masks and other K-12 prevention strategies were in place. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

VACCINATED: No quarantine required unless symptoms occur

UNVACCINATED:

1. Quarantine for 10 days if you have **NO** symptoms - **OR**
2. Quarantine for 7 days if you have **NO** symptoms **AND** a negative COVID-19 test on or after **DAY 5** of quarantine (**Test result must be presented to HCPS Health Services prior to return**)

****If symptoms develop at any time, medical follow up for COVID testing is recommended and quarantine dates may be extended depending on testing results and duration of symptoms as noted above.**

Please consult your school's health services assistant if you have questions!