SCHOOL CITY OF HAMMOND

2022-2023 School Year
Updated COVID-19 Recommendations and Requirements

School City of Hammond's primary goal is to have a safe and productive school year. Guidelines are subject to change based on the CDC and Indiana Department of Health recommendations. Employees, parents and students should self assess for illness daily. If you are experiencing any symptoms of illness you should not report to school or work. Masks are optional and available at your building.

Employees

- **Employees that test positive for COVID-19 are required to isolate, at home for 5 consecutive days from the date of the positive test, not five work days. Day 1 starts the first day after your positive test. Example: If you test positive on Sunday, your first day is Monday. Employees can return to work on day 6. You must wear a mask for an additional 5 days when you return to work. Employees will not need a doctor's note to return to work for the 5 day isolation period and must show proof of their positive test with their name and date on the test. If you are absent more than the 5 days due to COVID you will need a doctor's note to return to work. Home test are acceptable.**
- **Employees do not need a negative test to return to work. Employees can return to work on day 6, if fever free for 24 hours without medication and symptoms are resolving.**
- **You will report your absence to your immediate supervisor, administrator, office manager or the person designated to track your absence. You will no longer report your absence due to COVID-19 to the Health Services Director or department.**
- **Effective July 1, 2022 sick days will no longer be reinstated to your sick time. Personal illness days will be used to cover your COVID-19 absence.**
- **Employees that are close contacts to a positive case are not required to quarantine. However, employees must wear a mask for 10 days from the date of exposure per CDC guidelines. Employees should monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and test if needed. Home test are acceptable.**

Students

- **Students that test positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate for 5 consecutive days from the date of the positive test. Day 1 is the first day after the date of the positive test. Students can return to school on day 6, if fever free for 24 hours without medication and symptoms are resolving. Students must wear a mask for an additional 5 days upon returning to school. If unable to wear a mask the student must remain at home for 5 additional days.**
- **All positive student cases should be reported to the nurse/health aide at their school.**
- **Students absent more than 5 days must have a doctor's note to return to school.**

Visitors/Volunteers

- **Visitors and Volunteers that test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for 5 days from the date of the positive test and ust wear a mask for an additional 5 days upon return.**
- **If you are a close contact with a positive COVID-19 case, you must wear a mask for 10 consecutive days upon return.**