

## HCS Covid-19 School Health Guidelines

Please see this important information about what happens when a student tests positive for Covid-19, comes in close contact with someone who has tested positive, or has Covid-19 symptoms.

### When To Contact My Child's School

Parents should contact the school principal or school nurse if:

- The child has received a positive Covid-19 test result
- The child has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 outside of school
- The child has Covid-19 like symptoms (see below)

### Close Contacts

When Homewood City Schools is informed that a student/staff member has tested positive for Covid-19, we are required to initiate contact tracing within the school. Any student that has been determined in close contact (6 feet of a person with Covid-19 for more than 15 minutes) will be sent home to quarantine for 10 days as long as the individual remains symptom-free, self-monitors for symptoms daily, and takes proper steps to [prevent the spread of COVID-19](#) for the full duration of the quarantine. All students and staff must continue to monitor their health and symptoms through day 14. Students will not be allowed on campus or able to attend any school events during their quarantine period.

### Students With Covid-19 Symptoms

In accordance with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) school guidelines, a student that exhibits 1 major symptom or 2 minor symptoms of Covid-19 (see chart below) cannot return to campus or attend any school events for 10 days unless a doctor evaluates the student and offers an alternative diagnosis. The doctor must provide a note for the student to return to school before the 10 days. Please note that a negative covid test alone does not substitute for a doctor's note.

Major Symptoms 1 or more symptoms	Minor Symptoms 2 or more symptoms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> *Cough (<b>new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing, for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline</b>)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath Or Difficulty Breathing</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> New loss of taste or smell</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Fever (100.4 or higher)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Runny nose or congestion</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Chills</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Muscle or body aches</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Nausea or vomiting</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Headache</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue</li></ul>

### Positive Covid-19 Test With Symptoms

Students that test positive for Covid-19, cannot return to campus or attend any school events for at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND at least 24 hours with no fever AND symptoms have improved.

### **Positive Covid-19 Test With NO Symptoms**

Students that test positive for Covid-19 and are symptom free cannot return to campus or attend any school events until after 10 days have passed since their positive test.

### **Returning to School**

Students will not be allowed to return to campus or school events until their quarantine/isolation period is complete. According to the ADPH, once a student is placed in quarantine/isolation, a student is not able to obtain negative tests to return to campus or any school events any earlier than their quarantine/isolation period - students cannot test their way out of quarantine/isolation.

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