



February 18, 2022

Dear HCCSC families,

Thank you to all of our HCCSC Community for your continued efforts to comply with our 2021-22 COVID-19 Re-entry Plan to keep our students in person at school. The Indiana State Department of Health has released new COVID-19 guidelines due to the sharp decline in positive cases and number of students in quarantine. The Huntington County Health Department has also noted hospitalizations are lower and the local infection rate is low. This lower infection rate trend is also being seen at HCCSC. With the support of the Huntington County Department of Health and Board of School Trustees, HCCSC will update its COVID-19 protocols to **no longer contact trace and quarantine students and staff beginning Tuesday, February 22, 2022.**

The main changes for you to be aware of are:

- Beginning Tuesday, February 22, 2022, students and staff will no longer be required to quarantine due to being a close contact. If students or staff test positive for COVID-19, they will stay home for 5 days and return with a mask until day 10.
- Masks will be recommended, but not required in HCCSC facilities.
- Students should not be at school if they are not feeling well or are having any COVID-19 symptoms. Students should not return to school if they have had a fever within 24 hours. Please keep students home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and symptoms are resolved.
- All other protocols of the HCCSC Re-entry Plan will remain in effect at this time.

The following items remain very important:

- Individuals who suspect a COVID-19 infection should:
 - Get tested
 - Isolate to protect others (stay home when sick)
- Seek healthcare if at higher risk
 - Vaccinations are strongly encouraged, but not required
- Emphasized handwashing, good hygiene, and coughing/sneezing into your elbow.
- Continued daily sanitation efforts
- Daily symptom monitoring and remaining home if you do not feel well

Thank you to all of our HCCSC families for your continued patience and flexibility as we make the best decisions for the health, safety, and continued successful learning of our students.

Sincerely,

Chad Daugherty



Huntington County Community School Corporation

