



# HALLSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Hallsville Families,

Yesterday, we notified families of the increase in the number of known positive COVID-19 cases among students and staff across our district. With the number of positive cases and the number of students and staff that have been exposed, we are writing to all families to outline when students and staff can return to school in specific instances. The information can also be found in our [Hallsville School District Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan](#).

At this time, families in the primary and intermediate grades will still be notified if their student has been identified as a potential close contact. The high number of cases in middle and high school has made it difficult to accurately contact trace and determine potential close contacts. We hope that once the number of positive cases is lower, we will be able to individually notify families in the secondary buildings.

## **Positive COVID-19 Student & Staff**

**In order for a student or employee to return to school/work after a positive COVID-19 test, the following benchmarks must be achieved:**

If the student or employee experienced symptoms:

10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, and  
24 hours with no fever (without the use of fever-reducing medication), and  
Other symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)

OR

Documentation from a medical doctor that the person is no longer contagious, and  
24 hours with no fever (without the use of fever-reducing medication), and  
Other symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)  
The district strongly recommends a face-covering upon return to school.

If the student or employee did not experience symptoms:



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10 days since the student/employee tested positive, OR  
Documentation from a medical doctor that the person is no longer contagious

## **Close Contact Information for Student & Staff**

Close contacts must be self-monitored on a daily basis for symptoms of COVID-19 related illness; ***students and employees should not come to school under any circumstances if they have symptoms of COVID-19 related illness.***

Students and employees identified as close contacts who develop symptoms of COVID-related illness will be excluded from school and activities, and allowed to return when the following criteria are met:

A negative PCR test result is provided, and  
24 hours with no fever (without the use of fever-reducing medication), and  
Other symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)

OR

10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, and  
24 hours with no fever (without the use of fever-reducing medication), and  
Other symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)

During this time, buildings will continue to implement mitigation measures such as assigned seating to reduce the number of potential close contacts, distancing students, and reviewing handwashing and respiratory etiquette. It is also strongly recommended that all students and staff wear a face-covering when unable to socially distance.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and will provide updated communication if necessary. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Hallsville Communications.