

NORTH HARRISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

COVID Guidance

School Year 2022-2023

Track and Isolate Positive Cases

- If an individual tests positive
 - Notify the School Nurse.
 - Stay home for 5 days from onset of symptoms or test date if asymptomatic.
 - Siblings/family members **do not** have to quarantine unless symptoms develop. The positive individual needs to isolate from others in the household during the quarantine period.
 - Return to school and extracurricular activities on day 6 if asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and no fever for 24 hours.
 - Wear a mask days 6-10 at school.
 - Assignments will be pushed out digitally.

Close Contacts and Quarantines

- Indiana Department of Health no longer recommends contact tracing and quarantining in schools.
- North Harrison will still notify parents if we feel there is a significant exposure to COVID-19 at school, such as a cluster outbreak.

Symptomatic Students or Staff

- A negative test or doctor's note is no longer required to return to school. As with other illnesses, students should not return to school unless they are fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and their symptoms are resolving.

Masking

- Masks are optional in our school buildings and on school buses.

Cleaning

- Schools will continue with cleaning, sanitizing, and hygiene protocols.

Additional Considerations

- If a parent/guardian chooses to have their symptomatic or close contact student tested, all COVID test results must be submitted to school for return to in-person instruction.
- Should the data or state guidance dictate a shift, this policy can be adjusted by request of the Superintendent. Should this have to occur, it could take place as a corporation, individual buildings, or individual classrooms.
- Currently, the best way to ensure a normal school environment for our students is for every eligible person to be vaccinated. A high vaccination rate offers the best protection against variants and the best opportunity for ending this pandemic.