

# Hart County Charter System

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## **COVID-19 Protocol 2023-2024**

The Hart County Charter System is maintaining its COVID-19 Protocol for the 2023-2024 School Year. Please see the following protocol:

### **Cleaning Procedures**

Enhanced cleaning procedures, including the use of electrostatic sprayers, will remain in place in schools and on buses. In addition, classrooms will continue to be equipped with hand sanitizer.

#### **Vaccinations**

COVID-19 vaccinations are not required for employees or students. However, all staff members are encouraged to get vaccinated. Vaccinations remain available and accessible at various locations within the community.

### **Diagnosed Individuals**

Students/staff diagnosed with COVID-19 will quarantine for 6 calendar days (onset date of symptoms plus 5 days) and mask for 5 days (days 7-11). School attendance is expected for the 5 masked days assuming symptoms have improved, and the individual has been fever-free, vomit-free, and diarrhea-free for 24 hours without medication.

Students choosing not to mask for 5 days will quarantine at home. While at home, students will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities or school-sponsored events.

### **Quarantines/Isolations**

Students residing in homes containing COVID-19 positive individuals, will not be required to quarantine unless they too develop COVID-19 symptoms.

If/when students become symptomatic following exposure to COVID-19 positive individuals, they will quarantine for 6 calendar days (onset date of symptoms plus 5 days). Students will then mask for 5 days (days 7–11)

Students choosing not to mask for 5 days, will quarantine at home. While at home, students will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities or school-sponsored events.

#### **COVID-19 Symptoms/Testing**

When household members undergo testing for COVID-19, students within the home will not be required to quarantine. Only symptomatic individuals waiting for test results will be required to quarantine.

#### **School Notification**

When students test positive for COVID-19, it is the responsibility of their parents to notify school officials. This information can be shared with teachers via SchoolStatus. Following quarantines, parents are to send excuses to teachers as outlined in student handbooks. Quarantines will be considered school absences.