

HESPERIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Hesperia Families,

Thank you for your support and patience during the start of our school year. We are off and running! Our programs are experiencing increased participation, our doors are open 5 days a week for instruction, and so far, we have been able to keep masks optional. **This letter is to inform you of an important change in our Covid protocols.** Detailed below are our protocols for quarantining positive cases and close contacts. **Quarantine will no longer be optional** for those testing positive or deemed to be in close contact with a positive individual. This is a change we feel is a necessary and crucial in order to keep our District open for in person learning; and our extra-curricular programs thriving. This keeps HCS in line with MDHHS and CDC requirements and aligned with other local districts. **There are no other changes** to our Covid protocols at this time. Vaccinations remain strongly recommended, but not required. Masks are still optional inside the school buildings and mandatory on the buses.

- If the school is notified or hears of a positive case, we will investigate. Nurse or Administrator may speak with the student, parent, and Health Department to confirm positivity. If confirmed, we do contact tracing. We examine seating charts in the classes (most likely whole class in Elementary) the positive case was in and identify students who were within 6 feet of the positive individual for more than 15 minutes. If applicable, we notify the bus driver and figure out any close contacts due to bus seating arrangements.
- Students who are deemed to either be a positive case or a close contact, **and are unvaccinated**, will need to quarantine.
- Please see attached Flow Chart from the CDC for procedures regarding student exposure to COVID-19

Thank you for your patience and tolerance with this ever changing situation. Thank you for your commitment to keeping our schools open for in person learning and activities.

Sincerely,

Bryan D. Mey, Superintendent