



**Herron HS, Riverside HS, and Herron Prep Academy COVID-19 Guidelines**  
**(Updated 10/18/21 - changes highlighted in yellow)**

In determining our health and safety plans and protocols, Indianapolis Classical Schools has relied upon guidance from the Indiana Department of Health, the Marion County Public Health Department, the Center for Disease Control, and our partners at Eskenazi Health. We recognize the fluid nature of COVID-19 and will constantly monitor and adjust our protocols in ongoing partnership with the above named organizations.

**In-Person Learning**

Both Herron and Riverside High Schools will offer exclusively 100% in-person learning, five days a week, for all students for the 2021-2022 school year. A virtual option will **not** be offered at this time. The weekly schedule for HHS/RHS will be as follows:

- Mondays-Thursdays, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Fridays, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

HHS/RHS students who are quarantined can access their learning material by following these steps: <https://tinyurl.com/ICSVirtualLearningInfo21-22>

Herron Preparatory Academy will offer in- person learning and will only provide virtual instruction for students that are required to quarantine as mandated by the school. The weekly schedules for in-person and virtual learning are below. The weekly schedule for HPA is:

- Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

**Virtual Learning for HPA Due to School Required Quarantine**

Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade
Schedule: 8:30 a.m.- Language Arts (Reading and Writing) 12:30 p.m.- Math	Schedule: 8:30 a.m.- Math 12:00 p.m.- Reading 1:00 p.m.- Writing	Schedule: 8:30 a.m.- Reading 11:15 a.m.- Math 12:15 p.m.- Writing

**Mask Wearing**

As is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and other leading experts, to begin the school year, all students, faculty, and staff at all Indianapolis Classical Schools (including



Herron, Riverside, and Herron Preparatory Academy) will wear masks at all times while indoors on campus except while eating and drinking, regardless of vaccination status. The only exception will be for the occasional lowering of a mask by a *fully vaccinated teacher* for important instructional delivery. In this instance, the teacher must be at least 6 ft. from any other individual. Individuals can voluntarily submit proof of completed COVID-19 vaccinations for staff, faculty, and students to [contacttracing@herronhighschool.org](mailto:contacttracing@herronhighschool.org), [contacttracing@riversidehighschool.org](mailto:contacttracing@riversidehighschool.org) or [contacttracing@herronprep.org](mailto:contacttracing@herronprep.org) . As per health department guidelines, student athletes engaging in vigorous physical activity will not be required to wear masks while practicing or competing. This requirement will also pertain to students participating in physical education classes or recess.

### **Social Distancing**

When possible, classrooms will be arranged to accommodate at least three feet of social distancing. Seating charts are maintained in classes, during lunch periods, and during before/after care for contact tracing. High school students will be able to eat in the cafeteria and may remove masks for eating and drinking while seated in assigned seats. Elementary students will eat in classrooms and remove masks while eating and drinking in assigned seats.

### **Visitors**

Masks are required for all visitors- parents/guardians, community partners, volunteers- regardless of vaccination status while indoors. If outdoors, masks are highly recommended only if social distancing is not possible. All visitors/volunteers/guests are asked to conduct a symptom check prior to entering a school building or engaging in a campus event. We ask for visitors to make appointments ahead of time for all meetings besides Student Services so that appropriate distancing measures can be taken.

### **Contact Tracing**

Individuals will be considered close contacts of someone who tests positive for COVID-19 if they are within 3 feet of the individual for 15 minutes over a 24 hour period.

### **Quarantine Guidelines Starting Tuesday, October 19th:**

- 1) All students who are identified as close contacts in a classroom setting where there are prescribed seating charts and where all individuals are properly wearing a mask or face covering over their mouth and nose will be notified of their close contact status but will not be required to quarantine. Parents and guardians may still elect for their non-vaccinated students to quarantine if identified as a close contact.



Students who have documented incidents of not wearing a mask properly in the classroom setting will need to quarantine if they are not fully vaccinated as described in number 2.

- 2) Because activities at these times do not have the same masking expectations, students who are identified as close contacts **in the cafeteria during breakfast or lunch** will need to be quarantined for 14 days from the date of exposure if they are not fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Fully vaccinated means that it has been at least two weeks since an individual has received a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or one dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Vaccinated students will be notified but will not need to quarantine. Proof of vaccine can be provided to [contacttracing@riversidehighschool.org](mailto:contacttracing@riversidehighschool.org). Students who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 90 days also do not need to quarantine.
- 3) Students who are identified as close contacts **on a sports team** will also need to quarantine following their vaccination status and the guidelines in number 2.
- 4) Students who are identified as **close contacts at Clubs or Office Hours** where there was not a prescribed seating chart with social distancing, where snacks may have been consumed, or where masks were not worn fully by all will also need to quarantine following their vaccination status and the guidelines in number 2.
- 5) **This guidance will not apply to faculty/staff members who are deemed close contacts.** Unvaccinated faculty/staff who are identified as close contacts will still be required to quarantine for 14 days. Fully vaccinated staff who do not have symptoms will not be required to quarantine.

### Isolation

Isolation refers to persons who have themselves tested positive for COVID. Anyone who has tested positive will be required to isolate at home for a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms, or from the test collection date. In order to return to school, an individual must have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and have a significant improvement in COVID-19 symptoms.

### Quarantine

Quarantine refers to persons who are considered a close contact and have been exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19. Individuals who can demonstrate that they are at least two weeks past their full vaccination will not have to quarantine but will have to monitor for symptoms and are asked to proactively obtain a test on days 3-5 after their exposure date. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated and who must complete the full 14 day quarantine must do so regardless of if they receive a negative COVID test. Any close contacts students who are not able to attend school in-person due to quarantine will have their attendance coded and excused and will be



expected to access course materials via Google Classroom. Information regarding learning from home can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/ICSVirtualLearningInfo21-22>

### **Self-Screening and Symptomatic Individuals**

Before arriving to school, all students, faculty, and staff must self-screen each morning for COVID-19 symptoms including:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Any individual, vaccinated or unvaccinated, who is exhibiting any of these symptoms should isolate, may not arrive to school, and should consult with a medical professional and reach out to [contacttracing@herronhighschool.org](mailto:contacttracing@herronhighschool.org) or [contacttracing@riversidehighschool.org](mailto:contacttracing@riversidehighschool.org) or by calling 317-231-0010 to report attendance and determine next steps. In order to return to school, individuals have three options:

- 1) Provide proof of alternate diagnosis from a medical provider and be symptom-free for 24 hours
- 2) Provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test, *rapid antigen OR PCR*, administered in a clinical setting (cannot be an at-home test) and be symptom-free for 24 hours, or
- 3) If not pursuing alternate diagnosis or COVID-19 testing, wait 10 days of isolation and symptoms resolved with fever-free and symptom-free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

Information on testing sites can be found here: <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2524.htm>

### **Athletics/Extra-Curricular Activities**

Vaccination is highly recommended for anyone participating in extracurricular activities of any kind. While student athletes are not required to wear masks during practice and games, it is highly recommended that a mask is worn when not directly participating in the event. Band, Orchestra, and Choir students should not practice longer than 90 minutes unless able to do so outdoors. Musicians should continue to be socially distanced as they are able with face



masks regardless of vaccination status. Bell covers and musicians masks are highly recommended regardless of vaccination status.

A distance of 10 feet is recommended between spectators and performers/athletes during events. Attendees at performances or games are encouraged to sit together with other household members who are in attendance. Attendees at indoor events are required to wear masks regardless of event and vaccination status.

Full guidelines from the Marion County Public Health Department can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/MCPHDFall21-22Guidance>.

Thank you for working with us as we do our best to create and maintain the safest learning environments possible for your students.

If you have any additional questions regarding COVID protocols, please reach out to [nurse@herronhighschool.org](mailto:nurse@herronhighschool.org) or [nurse@riversidehighschool.org](mailto:nurse@riversidehighschool.org) . To report a student suffering from COVID-like symptoms, please email [contacttracing@herronhighschool.org](mailto:contacttracing@herronhighschool.org) or [contacttracing@riversidehighschool.org](mailto:contacttracing@riversidehighschool.org) .