



HERRON HIGH SCHOOL • HERRON-RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL • HERRON PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Herron HS, Herron-Riverside HS, and Herron Prep Academy COVID-19 Guidelines **(Updated 1/7/21 - changes highlighted in blue)**

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 at HHS/RHS

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

Should there be need for temporary school-wide transitions to virtual learning due to the impact of COVID surges, guidance will be issued to students about how to access virtual learning.

Virtual Learning for HHS/RHS Due to School Required Quarantine

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

In-Person Learning at HPA

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, all students, faculty, and staff at all Indianapolis Classical Schools (including Herron, Riverside, and Herron Preparatory Academy) will wear masks **at all times while 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, contacttracing@riversidehighschool.org or contacttracing@herronprep.org . **As per health department guidelines, student athletes engaging in vigorous physical activity will not be required to follow all COVID procedures as outlined.** This requirement will also pertain to students participating in physical education classes or recess.

CDC guidance strongly recommends the use of N95, KN95, and KF94 masks. Cloth masks are encouraged to be used only in conjunction with surgical masks. Gaiters and Bandanas will not be permitted as masks. Parents are asked to send their students with appropriately fitted masks each and every day. Students who need multiple reminders to wear masks correctly will receive intervention from their teachers and the Deans/Assistant Heads School and parents/guardians will be contacted.

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 **on campus**. 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 an individual in a classroom setting **or if they are within 6 feet** for 15 minutes over a 24 hour period **in any other setting**.

Quarantine Guidelines Starting January 7th, 2022

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 10 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>

- 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 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. **Students identified as close contacts must monitor for symptoms and wear a mask with fidelity. A proactive COVID-19 test is HIGHLY recommended five days after exposure.** Any individual who becomes symptomatic at any time must isolate and pursue testing.
- 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 10 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 asked to provide evidence of vaccination status and only after its received, will not need to quarantine.** Proof of vaccine can be provided to contacttracing@riversidehighschool.org or contacttracing@herronhighschool.org. Any individual who becomes symptomatic at any time must isolate and pursue testing.
- 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) Unvaccinated faculty/staff who are identified as close contacts will still be required to **quarantine for 10 days**. Fully vaccinated staff who do not have symptoms will not be required to quarantine.

****Note that if anyone is identified as or is known to be a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case outside of school through personal circumstance, individuals must report their close contact status to contacttracing@riversidehighschool.org / contacttracing@herronhighschool.org / contacttracing@herronprep.org . Students and faculty and staff will need to **quarantine for 10 days** from the date of exposure if they are not fully vaccinated as defined in number 2 above.**

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, whichever is earlier. In order to return to school **after 10 full days**, 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.

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

Recent new variants of COVID have symptoms that mimic several other respiratory illnesses. Do not assume that symptoms are allergies, sinus infections, or the common cold. All symptoms must be presumed to be related to a potential COVID infection unless proven otherwise.

Any individual, vaccinated or unvaccinated, who is exhibiting any of these symptoms should isolate, may not **attend school or any school related event or activity**, should consult with a medical professional, and **should communicate with the school by emailing contacttracing@herronhighschool.org or 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> or by calling 211.

Athletics/Extra-Curricular Activities

Vaccination is highly recommended for anyone participating in extracurricular activities of any kind. Athletes must wear a mask 100% of the time except when actively participating/playing/exercising on the court or field. This includes while on the bench or sidelines, in the locker room, while traveling to/from events, and any other setting that is not active on the court/field. This guidance applies to both practices and games.

Cheerleaders should be masked 100% of the time during a game and at practice unless participating in physical conditioning during practice. Coaching staff must be masked 100% of the time.

Musicians and all Fine Arts performers should continue to be socially distanced whenever possible and masks must be worn 100% of the time unless performance of an instrument requires them to remove it. Choral musicians should use singer's masks whenever possible. Bell covers should also be used as available.

As of January 7, student athletes and fine arts performers may have only two spectators present for each home event/performance. Games/events/performances will not be open to students at this time, unless attending as a sibling of a participant. Masks must be worn 100% of the time by all spectators. Spectators who are unable to mask consistently should not attend events.

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 or nurse@riversidehighschool.org. To report a student suffering from COVID-like symptoms, please email contacttracing@herronhighschool.org or contacttracing@riversidehighschool.org.