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Herron Classical Schools COVID-19 Guidelines

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In determining our health and safety plans and protocols, Herron 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. As the country sees overall declines in cases and hospitalizations due to COVID-19, HCS has updated our health and safety protocols.

Starting February 28, HCS COVID-19 protocol updates include:

Face Masks

- Per IDOH and MCPHD guidance, face masks will be optional for students, staff and visitors except when on a bus. HCS still strongly recommends the use of masks when indoors and around others, but individuals will be able to choose for themselves.
- Masks are still required on buses for all students, staff and drivers, regardless of vaccination status. This is a federal Transportation Security Administration (TSA) mandate.

Contact Tracing

- Individual contact tracing requirements will no longer continue.
- General email announcements of a positive case in a school building will still be made.

Positive Cases/Isolation

- The CDC and IDOH isolation guidance for K-12 settings has not changed. Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID will be required to isolate for a minimum of 5 full days.
- Staff/students may return to work/school starting on day 6 only if the following:
 - Symptoms have significantly improved, including no fever within 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.



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- The individual should wear a well-fitting mask consistently and correctly at all times, including when outdoors while not eating or drinking for days 6-10.
- Positive cases in children ages 2 to 5 years of age:
 - Children testing positive for COVID must isolate at home for 5 days
 - May return on day 6 if fever free for 24 hours without medication AND can correctly and consistently mask.
 - If cannot correctly and consistently mask should isolate at home for 7 days, returning on day 8.
- Positive test results should still be reported to contacttracing@herronhighschool.org, contacttracing@riversidehighschool.org, or contacttracing@herronprep.org or by calling emailing the nurse at each campus.
- HCS will continue to monitor confirmed positive cases and report to the MCPHD.
- HCS will remain vigilant to changes in school and community COVID cases and will adjust mitigation measures accordingly.

Symptoms / Testing / Health Screening

- Each day, students and employees should continue to monitor whether they have COVID-like symptoms. Those who develop COVID-like symptoms will need to stay at home and not attend school or participate in any activities.
- HCS continues to encourage testing when anyone is exhibiting symptoms. In addition to the many testing sites in our community and at home tests, HCS students and families also have access to testing clinics at [Arsenal Tech and Broad Ripple High Schools](#).
- 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, GI symptom-free for 48 hours, and their symptoms are resolving.

Vaccination

- Currently for ages 5 and older, receiving the COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and others from the virus. Read more [HERE](#).
- HCS will continue to encourage vaccination for all eligible populations as well as boosters for individuals when they become eligible for them.
- Vaccine sites are conveniently located throughout the city. Click [HERE](#) for locations.



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Visitors / Athletics / Performances

- We will resume normal protocols for athletic events, school events, and performances effective 2/28.
- Visitors are still asked to make appointments and are encouraged to be vaccinated and all individuals are encouraged to wear masks indoors and when around others.