

For Parents

To ensure students are healthy enough to attend in-person instruction, parents/guardians are to perform a symptom check every day before the student leaves home. A student having any of the following symptoms should not be sent to school and may continue to access their classrooms virtually if they are well enough to do so: Maryland Department of Health Response to COVID 19 Positive Cases or COVID 19 Like Illness -

https://pha.health.maryland.gov/Documents/COVID%20response%20for%20schools%20with%20decision%20aid_Update%203_FINAL_1.7.21.pdf

· 1 of the following:

- o New onset cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing;
- o New loss of taste or smell; OR

· 2 of the following:

- o Fever over 100.4 or chills within the past 24 hours;
- o Fatigue;
- o Muscle or body aches;
- o Headache;
- o Sore throat;
- o Congestion or runny nose;
- o Chills or shaking chills;
- o Nausea or vomiting;
- o Diarrhea.

Additionally, student who have been in close contact (within <6 feet for a cumulative of >15 minutes over the past 24 hours with or without a mask) with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 or is suspected of having COVID-19 (exhibiting COVID- like illness and has not tested negative after exhibiting symptoms) should not enter any HCPSS building.

Parent/guardians will assess their children for symptoms of COVID-19 illness and refrain from sending/transporting them to school until after they have been symptom-free at least 10 days after the onset of symptoms, have no fever for at least 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication, and have continued improvement of symptoms and /or medical consult with their primary care physician.