



Hillside Elementary School

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Hillside Student Absence/Illness Protocols

IF A STUDENT STAYS HOME DUE TO ILLNESS:

- ❖ Please call in or email any absence to (914) 478-6272 or HillsideAttendance@hohschools.org. The health office will follow up as needed.
- ❖ Be sure to answer "yes" on the daily COVID-19 screener.
- ❖ Any student kept home due to illness and showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must be seen and cleared by a physician before returning to school. Please refer to the Return to School clearance form. This form can be quickly emailed upon request. It must be signed by the physician and returned to the health office.
- ❖ If the physician believes a COVID test is warranted, the student must remain home until test results are received. Either a note from the physician confirming a negative PCR test or a copy of the negative PCR test would then also be required for return to school. At this time, we do not accept negative results from a rapid test.
- ❖ The student must also be fever-free for 24 hours with symptoms resolved.

IF A STUDENT IS SENT HOME DUE TO ILLNESS:

- ❖ Any student who is sent home must be seen by a physician and cleared before returning to school. An Assessment/Return to School form will be handed to the parent/guardian when the student is picked up.
- ❖ If the physician believes a COVID test is warranted, the student must remain home until the test results are received. To return to school, the student must have the confirmation/copy of a negative PCR test, as well as being fever-free for 24 hours with symptoms resolved.
- ❖ Please return the signed Return to School clearance form and any test results.

IF A STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO QUARANTINE 10 DAYS DUE TO EXPOSURE:

- ❖ Any positive case will be reported to the Department of Health. If it is determined that a student is a close contact, families will be contacted. The first communication may come from the school district. The DOH can take up to 72 hours to contact those who have been deemed a close contact.
- ❖ Even if no symptoms are present and/or a negative PCR test is received during the quarantine period, the student must remain home and complete the full 10 day quarantine.
- ❖ If at any time during the quarantine period COVID-19 symptoms develop, please notify the Health Office and your assigned contact tracer at the Department of Health.
- ❖ In order to return to school at the end of the quarantine period, the Health Office **must** receive a copy of the quarantine release letter from the Department of Health **OR** the District Student/Family DOH Quarantine Attestation Form. Any test results may also be sent to the Health Office, but are not required.
- ❖ If a sibling is not a contact of the positive case, they do not have to quarantine and they may come to school.

****Any student who is home due to illness, at home during a quarantine period or awaiting pending results, may log onto their classes remotely if they are able to. The student will be marked present as long as the survey is completed and the attendance line is notified either by call or email. This also applies to siblings kept home out of caution.**

****Even with a doctor's clearance, your child must be symptom free for 24 hours. For example, if your child has an episode of vomiting at home or at school, please do not send them in the next day.**

****Please note if your child has COVID-19 symptoms and is not tested, they must remain home for a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms and can return when they are 72 hours fever free and other**

symptoms have improved.