



## Hopewell Area School District

August 26, 2021

Dear Hopewell Parents and Guardians,

As we begin another year navigating the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hopewell Area School District will continue to follow the CDC/PA DOH guidance for schools. COVID-19 procedures will be adjusted in accordance with the CDC/PA DOH.

**Please keep your students at home if they are displaying any of the symptoms listed below AND follow up with a healthcare provider:**

- Fever >100.4 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

### **Return to School Requirements Following an Illness:**

- ★ When children are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, parents are to follow-up with their child's healthcare provider and are **required** to submit a medical excuse to return to school.
- ★ Children that are kept at home for *any other illness* lasting greater than 3 days are **required** to submit a medical excuse from their healthcare provider to return to school.
- ★ Children that are exposed to a positive COVID-19 individual and are identified as close contact are to follow the close contact guidelines as issued by their healthcare provider or the CDC/PA DOH **(1-877-PA HEALTH)**.

- ★ Parents will be notified by the Hopewell Area School District if their child is identified as a close contact during school hours. Close contact definition and information is also available on the HASD website (see COVID-19 Information & Updates tab).
- ★ Parents are required to notify the school if their child tests positive for COVID-19 and **required to submit a copy of test result and/or medical excuse to return to school** by their child's healthcare provider.

*\*Results from home testing kits are **NOT** accepted; all other testing done by a medical facility are accepted with a medical excuse from the healthcare provider.*

Notification of all COVID-19 positive cases will be available on the HASD website COVID-19 Tracker (see COVID-19 Information & Updates tab). Together, we can have a great school year.

Sincerely,

The HASD Administrative Team