

HAMPTON SCHOOL

COVID-19 Protocols

Updated Guidance

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recently updated its guidance regarding COVID-19 Protocols. Hampton is following those recommendations.

We will no longer be contact tracing, requiring isolation, or quarantining for students who do not test positive regardless of vaccination status. Additionally, "test to stay" will no longer be implemented.

COVID Testing

If a student exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, including headache, sore throat, muscle/body aches, temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, vomiting, diarrhea, etc., and we have a signed consent to test, we will test the student. We will inform the parent of the results of the test. If the student tests negative we still may need to send them home until their symptoms improve.

Positive Test

If your child tests positive at school or at home your child must be excluded from school for at least 5 calendar days after first symptoms appeared, or after the date of their positive COVID test if asymptomatic. Before returning to school, students must be 24 hours with no fever (without fever reducing medication), diarrhea, or vomiting. Please report positive tests to the school. Upon return to school, students should mask until 10 calendar days have passed since symptoms appeared or since they tested positive.

To report a positive test or if you have any questions please contact our school nurse, Maureen O'Keefe, RN at mokeeffe@hamptonhawks.org or 309-755-0693.

Symptomatic Students

If your child experiences COVID symptoms at home or is sent home with symptoms, your child needs to remain home until:

- symptoms improve,
- diarrhea and vomiting have ceased for 24 hours,
- no fever (without use of fever reducing medications) for 24 hours. Fever is considered greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees.

Please contact the school to report an absence due to illness.

If symptomatic, we do recommend your child get tested, as well as any other family member, especially if unvaccinated.

Resources

[IDPH Guidance/Flow Chart for Schools \(8/19/22\)](#)

[IDPH and State Board of Education Joint Summary of CDC Guidance](#)