



**2022-23**

# **Hoke County Schools COVID Protocol**

**Hoke County Schools (HCS) will implement layered prevention strategies to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, such as influenza (flu), respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and norovirus, and support healthy learning environments for all. HCS will utilize guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Hoke County Health Department, and the NC Department of Health and Human Services to make informed decisions regarding COVID-19 protocols and prevention strategies.**

**The following are everyday preventive and responsive actions that schools will employ:**

- **Keep families informed of available COVID-19 vaccines and provide information.**
- **Remind people who have symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, to stay home.**
- **Increase outdoor air intake and ventilation, such as safely opening windows, including on school buses.**
- **Teach and reinforce proper handwashing to lower the risk of spreading viruses.**
- **Provide hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol in all HCS buildings and buses.**
- **Conduct daily cleaning and disinfection protocols in all HCS buildings and buses, including high-touch surfaces.**
- **Provide well-fitting masks at all schools and on buses for students, staff, and visitors.**
- **Offer diagnostic testing and provide screening testing programs in schools**
- **Recommend that students or staff with symptoms or who develop symptoms while at school to wear a well-fitting mask while in the building until they can exit the building.**
- **Notify the parents of students who have symptoms or develop symptoms and will be sent home. Encourage testing.**
- **Make home test kits available while supplies last.**

● **Provide isolation information to parents: Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 will stay home for at least 5 days and isolate from others.**

○ **If you had no symptoms, end isolation after day 5.**

○ **If you had symptoms, end isolation after day 5 if:**

**1) You are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) AND**

**2) Your symptoms are improving. If you still have fever or your other symptoms have not improved, continue to isolate until they improve.)**

○ **After you have ended isolation, when you are feeling better (no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and symptoms improving), you are required to wear a well-fitting mask through day 10.**

● **Quarantine is no longer recommended for people who are exposed to COVID-19. People who were exposed to COVID-19 should follow recommendations to wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days and get tested.**

● **Continue case investigation and contact tracing for early identification of cases to reduce transmission.**

● **Maintain a safe room in all schools.**

● **Schools will continue to utilize and maintain a COVID-19 data tracker, and the District Dashboard will continue to be updated weekly.**

● **Provide enhanced protection supplies (gloves, face shields) if requested.**