



Hinds County School District COVID-19 Parent Letter
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To the Parents of Pre-K – Grade 8 Students:

As we begin Term 3 of the 2021-2022 school year, the leadership of the Hinds County School District is working daily to ensure the safety of students and school community as we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 Pandemic. We have designed health and safety protocols to minimize the exposure and spread of COVID-19 to students and staff, such as managing student and staff arrivals, maintaining safe social distancing, and increasing other healthy habits while in the school buildings.

What health and safety measures have been implemented in our schools?

- Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center clinics provide services on each school campus. COVID-19 testing and vaccinations are available for staff and students.
- Temperature screening for staff and students daily
- Requirement for staff and students to wear a multiple-layered face covering/ surgical mask at all times
- Hand sanitizer will be provided and frequently used in each classroom and throughout the buildings
- Regularly scheduled handwashing for all students and staff
- Staff members will be trained on CDC guidance to reduce likelihood of COVID-19 transmission
- Students stay in the same classroom while teachers rotate to classes as much as possible
- Strict social distancing in hallways and common areas
- Meals served in the classrooms or outside when weather permits – no large groups in a cafeteria setting
- Enhanced nightly cleaning in all schools
- Bipolar Ionization systems have been mounted inside all HVAC units. This technology has been proven 99.4% effective against SARS-CoV2 which is the virus that causes COVID-19

What are the parent responsibilities?

- When children leave home, make sure they are wearing a multiple-layered face covering/ surgical mask. Masks must be worn at all times including when on the bus
- Wash your child's face masks/ face coverings daily to ensure they are disinfected.
- School staff will meet students at their cars/buses to conduct temperature checks before allowing students to enter the building.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If your child is sick, keep them at home and contact your healthcare provider.
- Parents must immediately report positive cases to their child's principal
- Students who test positive must quarantine until they receive their test results from a Health Care Provider.

What is the School Health Services protocol?

Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center will operate clinics at each school. Jackson Hinds is dedicated to meeting the health care needs of the school community and will continue serving students, faculty, and staff via in-person and virtual visits.

- **COVID-19 Testing**
 - Students, faculty, and staff who develop symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to someone suspected of or confirmed with COVID-19 should call Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Services at **601-362-5321** or contact their medical provider immediately. At Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Services, a provider will assess and determine if you need to be tested at the clinic.

We appreciate your continued support throughout this endeavor.

Thank you,

Dr. Delesicia Martin, Superintendent