

HCS COVID-19 Parent Notification Process

Horry County Schools

After HCS has been notified of a new positive case of COVID-19 affecting students and/or staff, HCS will follow one of the scenarios below:

Scenario 1: The parents/guardians of any student who has been a “close contact” of the infected individual (defined by SCDHEC as having been within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) will be notified by the school via phone call, by email, and by SCDHEC letter that their student is subject to state-mandated quarantine procedures, and informed about how long the student must stay home.

Scenario 2: Students who share a classroom or were in a group setting but who did not meet the definition of “close contact” are not required to stay home and will not receive a parent notification. *(Updated March 9, 2021)*

HCS continues to maintain a COVID-19 dashboard which is updated twice daily. This dashboard includes, for both employees and students, the number of SCDHEC-confirmed COVID-19 historical and current positive cases for each school. It also reports the number of quarantined staff members by each school. You may view the HCS COVID-19 dashboard by visiting <https://hcstrans.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/2138f3f74fcf4289a1c6172a5da75688>.

* You can also view the report by visiting www.scdhec.gov/covid-19-cases-associated-staff-students.

HCS will work in conjunction with SCDHEC if the number of positive cases results in the need to switch to full-time Distance Learning for individual classes, grade levels, or schools during the school year. If any instructional changes are needed, additional information will be shared with parents and students by your school's principal.

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