To be considered exposed to COVID-19, you need to have prolonged close contact with a person who has the virus. Close contact includes living in the same household, caring for a sick person with the virus, being within 6 feet of a sick person with the virus for at least 10 continuous minutes without the use of a face covering, or being in direct contact with secretions from the sick person.

**Student Process Map for COVID-19 2020-2021**

- **Parent reports that their child has tested positive for COVID-19**
  - Parent notifies school and child remains home for 10 days from positive test result.
  - The student may return to campus after 10 days have passed from positive test result and at least 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medication and significant improvement of symptoms.

- **Student reports one or more symptoms using the health screening questionnaire.**
  - Student should remain at home. Parent should contact their primary care physician for guidance.
  - The student may return to campus after 10 days have passed from symptom onset and at least 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medication.

- **Student reports experiencing one or more symptoms of COVID-19 while at school during the school day**
  - Student is placed in isolation room. Parents are contacted to pick up the child from school. Parent should contact their primary care physician for guidance.
  - The student may return to campus after 10 days have passed from symptom onset and at least 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medication and significant improvement of symptoms.

- **Student reports someone at home has tested positive for COVID-19.**
  - This would be considered prolonged exposure to someone with COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19. Student should not attend school. There is no need to notify staff or students regarding this scenario. Parent should contact their primary care physician for guidance. Student should remain home to self-isolate and avoid public spaces for 10 days.

- **Student reports someone in their home was exposed to someone who tested positive.**
  - Student/parent should monitor student for any symptoms.
  - If the someone at home or workplace is not symptomatic, but just ‘exposed,’ student may continue to attend school.

- **Teacher identifies any other student or staff who were present in the same class/group on the last day the student who tested positive was present.** Teacher will report those persons to the campus principal and nurse.

- **Campus principal will send written notification of possible exposure to all staff and parent/guardian of students who were potentially exposed. Nurse will notify Dept. of Health.**

- **All students and staff who were determined to be exposed will be excluded from school and all activities for 10 days from date of last exposure. Those persons will need to monitor their symptoms at home and contact their primary care provider if they develop.**

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**Health Screening Self Check:**

Screening: Prior to arriving to school, boarding school transportation or entering a HISD facility, all students, staff and guests should self-screen and be able to answer “no” to each question below. Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is NOT normal for them?

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea

**Fever-free**

- At least 24 hours after recovery, which is defined as:
  - No longer having a fever (measured when you are not taking fever-reducing medicine like Advil, Tylenol, or aspirin) AND
  - Significant improvement of your symptoms AND
  - At least 10 days after symptoms appeared

A student that has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period they must either:
Obtain a Medical Professional’s note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
Receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are free of COVID-19 via acute infection tests at an approved testing location.

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