



**South Texas Educational Technologies, Inc.**  
**Horizon Montessori Public Schools**  
**Recommended Guidance for COVID-19**  
**Exposure/Confirmed Positive**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exposure**

It has been determined that there is a confirmed positive case in the classroom. Close contacts have been contacted by the school. Based on guidance and recommendations from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the following is recommended for exposure cases.

**Students Who are Close Contacts (Exposed) and ARE vaccinated:**

Students who are fully vaccinated (having received both vaccinations for Moderna and Pfizer within the last 6 months) do not need to quarantine but are advised to:

- Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days any time you are around others inside your home or in public (including school setting).
- Watch for symptoms until 10 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.
- If you develop symptoms, isolate immediately and get tested. Continue to stay home until you know the results.

**Continue to wear a mask through:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Students Who are Close Contacts (Exposed) and Are Not vaccinated:**

A 10-day quarantine period is *highly advised* and can end for students experiencing no symptoms after day 10.

If parents choose to instead follow the guidance issued by CDC which advises for a 5-day quarantine, *the school will permit this request but will ask for a negative test prior to the student returning after day 5.*

If parents choose not to quarantine student at all (declines a 5 or 10 day quarantine), the following is strongly advised:

- Watch for symptoms until 10 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.
- Even if you don't develop symptoms, get tested at least 5 days after you had close contact with someone with COVID-19.

- If you develop symptoms, isolate immediately and get tested. Continue to stay home until you know the results.
- Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days any time you are around others inside your home or in public (including school setting).

**For a 10 day quarantine, can return on :** \_\_\_\_\_

**For a 5 day quarantine, can return on :** \_\_\_\_\_ (with a negative test)

**Continue to wear a mask through:** \_\_\_\_\_

In coordination with CDC, TEA has stated the following guidance:

*"School systems must exclude students from attending school in person who are actively sick with COVID-19, who are suspected of being actively sick with COVID-19, or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19. Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19, until the conditions for re-entry are met."*

*"School systems may choose to require household-based close contact students to stay at home during the below stay-at-home period if they are in an area with high or rising COVID case rates. This applies specifically to students who are close contacts because an individual who lives in the same household is COVID-19 positive. Independent of whether a school system chooses to implement the above requirement, parents of students who are determined to be close contacts of an individual with COVID-19 may opt to keep their students at home during the recommended stay-at-home period. In cases when it is permitted, parents who opt to send their children to school in the two weeks following exposure are encouraged to closely monitor their children for symptoms."*

### **Confirmed Positive**

#### **Students Who Are Positive with COVID-19:**

Students who are actively sick with COVID-19, who are suspected of being actively sick with COVID-19 or who have received a positive test for COVID-19 will be excluded from attending school in person until the conditions for re-entry are met which are:

- If symptomatic, student will be excluded until at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset, and fever free\*, and other symptoms have improved.
- Students who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms must stay home until at least 10 days after the day they were tested.
- \*Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications. Fever is a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

**Last day of isolation :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Isolation ends and can return on :** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Additional Notations**

For parents who may have questions or concerns, please contact your child's campus. For employees who may need further clarification, please communicate with your Principal and Human Resources.

Please keep in mind, any individual who fails to report they have been diagnosed with a communicable disease such as COVID-19 could be subject to legal repercussions. If an employee fails to report to their immediate supervisor, HR, or designated personnel that they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and continues to report to work, they will be subject to disciplinary action as well as legal repercussions. Failure to report is a violation of the TEXAS Health and Safety Code, Sec. 81.049 & Sec. 81.006. For a complete listing of the Texas Health and Safety Code, visit <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.81.htm>