

# Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science (HUMS2)

## COVID-19 Protocol 2021-2022

*Current as of 8/18/2021*

*This document will serve as guidance for Washington Leadership Academy's COVID-19 return procedure for SY '21-'22. **Please refer to this document for any questions you may have or contact Leslie Boler at (202-806-7725).** Please note that this guidance is subject to change as guidance from state and local officials change.*

### COVID-19 Testing and Vaccine

- **Metafor a testing company**, will test all our staff members weekly, regardless of their vaccination status
- With parent permission, Metafor, will do a random, weekly nostril swab testing for and 50 of our students. Within 6-12 hours, results will be provided to parents.
- Anyone with a positive test will be sent home or wait in an isolation area until someone can take them home. Parents/guardians will be contacted immediately in the event of a positive student test.
- **Vaccines are mandatory for our staff in accordance with the requirements of Howard University. They are the best way to keep everyone safe and slow the spread of COVID-19.**
- **Parents, you can support our efforts by doing the following. Please keep your student home if:**
  1. Regardless of vaccination status, they have:

Any <b>ONE</b> of the following red flag symptoms:	Any <b>TWO</b> of the following symptoms:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New or worsening cough</li><li>• Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing</li><li>• New loss of taste or smell</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fever (measured or subjective)</li><li>• Chills</li><li>• Muscle or body aches</li><li>• Headache</li><li>• Sore throat</li><li>• An unusual amount of tiredness</li><li>• Nausea or vomiting</li><li>• Runny nose or congestion</li></ul>
  2. They are unvaccinated **and** have been in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID (this includes app notifications from the Department of Health)
  3. They are unvaccinated **and** have traveled internationally or domestically (outside of Maryland and Virginia)

Attendance: Please contact [stephanie.metts@hu-ms2.org](mailto:stephanie.metts@hu-ms2.org) if your child will be out of school and let her know if they have symptoms, were in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 or traveled outside of the DMV area. Leslie Boler, our COVID Protocol Director, will follow-up with you and let you know if your child needs to receive a COVID test before returning to the building.

## Entering the Building

- **Screening:**
  - Before students and visitors enter HUMS2, they will be asked to answer COVID screening questions.
  - Hand sanitizer is provided as students enter school and throughout the building
  - HUMS2 checks temperatures and tries to identify if any student/staff/visitor who appears ill (i.e. coughing, sneezing, difficulty breathing, etc.).

## HUMS2 Inside Building Procedure

- **Masks must be always worn inside the building**, including in physical education and athletic events. The ONLY exception to this rule is when actively eating or drinking.
- **Social distancing:** As much as possible, all adults maintain 6 feet distance for no less than 15 minutes. HUMS2 also maintains at least 3 feet distance between students in classrooms. HUMS2 discourages hugging, handshakes, touching, etc.
- **Classrooms:**
  - Teachers will make sure UV air purifiers are on and operating in every classroom.
  - Our school air filtration system has been cleaned and Merv13 filters installed and are routinely changed to ensure clean air flow
  - Students must be seated at least 3 feet apart, in accordance with [OSSE guidance](#).

## Procedures in the event of a Positive COVID Test in the Building

	Vaccinated	Unvaccinated	HUMS2 Actions
<b>If HUMS2 staff/ student tests positive for COVID-19...</b>	<b>Staff</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarantine for at least 10 days.</li> <li>Teach remotely if you're feeling able.</li> <li>Can return to school if no symptoms developed within 10 days.</li> <li>Must email Leslie Boler proof of negative COVID PCR test</li> </ul>	<b>Staff</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarantine for at least 10 days after symptoms first developed.</li> <li>Teach remotely if you're feeling able.</li> <li>Can return to school if no symptoms developed within 10 days.</li> <li>Must email copy of negative COVID PCR test results to Leslie Boler.</li> </ul>	If affected individual is in the building or has been in the building <b>within two days</b> of showing symptoms, HUMS2 will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact DC health and follow all guidance</li> <li>Evacuate and clean the area where the affected individual has been</li> <li>Send the individual home or to an isolation area until they can go home</li> <li>Contact individuals who have been in close contact with the individual</li> <li>Send an email to the HUMS2 community as relevant (i.e. parents, staff and students) to update them</li> </ol>
	<b>Student</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarantine for at least 10 days.</li> <li>Attend school remotely if you're feeling able.</li> <li>Can return to school if no symptoms developed within 10 days.</li> <li>Must email Leslie Boler proof of negative COVID PCR test.</li> </ul>	<b>Student</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarantine for at least 10 days after first symptoms developed.</li> <li>Review Summit Learning to complete schoolwork for the day if you're feeling able.</li> <li>Can return to school if no symptoms developed within 10 days.</li> <li>Must email copy of negative COVID PCR test results to Leslie Boler.</li> </ul>	
<b>If HUMS2 staff/ student is in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19...</b>	<b>Staff –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can return to the building as long as they have no symptoms.</li> <li>Must get PCR test 3 to 5 days after exposure and email copy of negative test results to Leslie Boler.</li> </ul>	<b>Staff –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarantine for at least 7 days after first exposed.</li> <li>Teach remotely, if you're feeling able.</li> <li>Can return to school if:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no symptoms developed within 7 days <b>and</b></li> <li>email Leslie Boler proof of negative COVID PCR test done on <u>Day 5 or later</u> of exposure.</li> </ul> </li> <li>If no COVID test is done, person must quarantine for 10 days.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HUMS2 will send targeted emails to affected individuals, as necessary</li> </ul>
	<b>Student –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can return to the building as long as they have no symptoms.</li> <li>Must get PCR test 3 to 5 days after exposure and</li> </ul>	<b>Student –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarantine for at least 7 days after first exposed.</li> </ul>	

	<p>email copy of negative test results to Leslie Boler.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate with advisor to figure out schoolwork for the day, if you're feeling able.</li> <li>• Can return to school if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ no symptoms developed within 7 days <b>and</b></li> <li>○ email Leslie Boler proof of negative COVID PCR test done on <u>Day 5 or later</u> of exposure.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If no COVID test is done, person must quarantine for 10 days.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>If HUMS2 staff /student travels...</b></p>	<p><b>Staff &amp; students:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be admitted immediately after domestic or international travel.</li> <li>• Should take a COVID-19 PCR test 3 to 5 days after <b>international</b> travel and email copy of negative test results to Leslie Boler.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Staff &amp; students Domestically</b> (outside of Maryland or Virginia)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. not attend school for 10 days after returning, <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. not attend school until tested for COVID 3 to 5 days after returning <b>AND</b> email proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test to Leslie Boler.</li> </ol> <p><b>Staff &amp; students Internationally:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. not attend school for 10 days after returning, <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. not attend school for 7 days after returning <b>AND</b> get tested for COVID 3 to 5 days after returning <b>AND</b> email proof of a negative COVID PCR test to Leslie Boler.</li> </ol> <p>Even if the COVID test is negative, the individual must still not attend school for seven days.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HUMS2 will not send out communication based on this instance.</li> </ul>