

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 Howard University Middle School'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:

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| Any ONE of the following red flag symptoms: | Any TWO of the following symptoms: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New or worsening cough• Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing• New loss of taste or smell | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fever (measured or subjective)• Chills• Muscle or body aches• Headache• Sore throat• An unusual amount of tiredness• Nausea or vomiting• Runny nose or congestion |
 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 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 |
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| If HUMS2 staff/ student tests positive for COVID-19... | Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine for at least 10 days. Teach remotely if you're feeling able. Can return to school if no symptoms developed within 10 days. Must email Leslie Boler proof of negative COVID PCR test | Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine for at least 10 days after symptoms first developed. Teach remotely if you're feeling able. Can return to school if no symptoms developed within 10 days. Must email copy of negative COVID PCR test results to Leslie Boler. | If affected individual is in the building or has been in the building within two days of showing symptoms, HUMS2 will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Contact DC health and follow all guidance Evacuate and clean the area where the affected individual has been Send the individual home or to an isolation area until they can go home Contact individuals who have been in close contact with the individual Send an email to the HUMS2 community as relevant (i.e. parents, staff and students) to update them |
| | Student <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine for at least 10 days. Attend school remotely if you're feeling able. Can return to school if no symptoms developed within 10 days. Must email Leslie Boler proof of negative COVID PCR test. | Student <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine for at least 10 days after first symptoms developed. Review Summit Learning to complete schoolwork for the day if you're feeling able. Can return to school if no symptoms developed within 10 days. Must email copy of negative COVID PCR test results to Leslie Boler. | |
| If HUMS2 staff/ student is in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19... | Staff – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can return to the building as long as they have no symptoms. Must get PCR test 3 to 5 days after exposure and email copy of negative test results to Leslie Boler. Student – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can return to the building as long as they have no symptoms. Must get PCR test 3 to 5 days after exposure and | Staff – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine for at least 7 days after first exposed. Teach remotely, if you're feeling able. Can return to school if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no symptoms developed within 7 days and email Leslie Boler proof of negative COVID PCR test done on <u>Day 5 or later</u> of exposure. If no COVID test is done, person must quarantine for 10 days. Student – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine for at least 7 days after first exposed. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUMS2 will send targeted emails to affected individuals, as necessary |

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