

**Updated COVID Protocols for Thomas Hart Academy**  
**Effective Date 6/20/22**

**Students/Faculty who exhibit symptoms of COVID or other contagious illnesses**

Students/Faculty who have a fever must remain at home until they are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. Students/Faculty who exhibit signs of COVID or other contagious illness should remain home from school and seek a medical diagnosis. Students/faculty members are to remain home while awaiting test results for themselves or other members of the family within the same home.

**Exposures to a positive family member living in the same home**

A k4-8th grade student/ faculty member must wear a mask for 5 days from the exposure as long as there are no symptoms present. This is very difficult to manage at school, particularly in preschool, so we must depend on the partnership with our parents. Parents, please help us enforce the mask policy upon a student's return to school after COVID illness or exposure.

**Positive test for student or faculty member**

A student/faculty member may return to school 5 days after the lessening of symptoms begins.

If symptoms persist, a student/faculty member may return to school after 7 days if they can provide a negative test. (Examples: headache, dry cough, sneezing. There must be no fever.) Otherwise they will need to quarantine for 10 days.

Returning students/faculty members in K4 - 8th will be asked to wear a mask at school and for extracurricular activities through Day 10.

**Home Testing**

Home tests will be permitted as a means of communicating a positive test. In the interest of the health and safety of all of our students and faculty, a negative test from a doctor or testing facility is necessary prior to returning to school in instances where a negative test is required.

**Return to athletic participation after COVID related illness**

Coaches will be instructed to be aware that any returning positive child should stop activity for any type of chest pain, chest pressure, shortness of breath or heart palpitations. Shortness of breath not consistent with the child's normal activity will be considered as an area of concern and not reason to condition them harder. This remains

primarily the responsibility of the parents. However, our coaches and athletic trainer will monitor such returning students closely as well.