

COVID-19

CHANGES FOR STUDENTS

HCPS is excited to see a positive impact from safety protocols, testing, and vaccination availability for students. Although HCPS is not requiring vaccinations as a condition of in-person attendance, there are significant benefits to receiving the vaccine and to following safety protocols, which enables HCPS to update current COVID-19 protocols, such as:

OUTDOOR SPACES

- HCPS outdoor spaces, including playgrounds and stadiums, are open for normal operation, with masking when social distancing is not possible.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

- Summer school, summer athletic conditioning, and summer band will open to students with intentional COVID-19 safety protocols in place where applicable.

COVID-19 TESTING

- HCPS has received permission to continue symptomatic testing of students and staff that become sick during summer programming.

COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS

- HCPS has worked with both the Harford County Health Department and University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Hospital to provide eligible students the COVID-19 vaccine on a voluntary basis.

QUARANTINE

- Fully vaccinated students do not have to quarantine if they are a close contact to someone with COVID-19 and are not symptomatic.

HCPS continues to follow masking guidelines specific for schools, social distancing where possible, handwashing, staying home when sick, and intentional safety steps related to school sponsored activities.