

Dear Parents of the Pride,

Aug. 17, 2021

Henderson Collegiate is committed to the safety and health of our students and staff. This letter serves to inform families of our COVID-19 Protocols. These protocols will work to keep our school community safely learning in-person this year.

Our student population contains many siblings; COVID-19 exposure **will** affect classrooms across our campus. COVID-19 numbers in the five counties we serve have doubled in the past week. We need to work together as a school community to **keep students safely in school and learning in-person.**

- **Symptom Check:** We ask that all families do a symptom-check before students leave for school. If your child answers “yes” to any of the symptoms listed below – have your child STAY home.
 - Fever (temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher)
 - Sore throat
 - Cough (for people with chronic cough due to allergies or asthma, a change in their cough from baseline)
 - Difficulty Breathing (for people with asthma, a change from their baseline breathing)
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Diarrhea or vomiting
 - New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever
 - If your child is experiencing symptoms, a negative COVID-19 test or alternative medical diagnosis must be provided to the school prior to returning to school.
- If anyone in your household is experiencing symptoms or being tested for COVID-19, we ask that you **DO NOT send those affected and not feeling well OR siblings to school until you have received further testing information or guidance from a health care professional.** For example, if you have a child that is being tested for COVID-19, please do not send the child or any of their siblings to school until you receive the results.
- **Face Coverings (masks):** Masks are **required** to be worn from the moment students exit cars / board buses, and worn correctly (cover both the nose and the mouth), for **all students and staff** except when eating or on a designated mask break. Gaiters are **not** permitted. If your child has an issue of keeping their mask on during the school day, the office will furnish your child with another one. If it becomes a persistent issue, parents may be contacted to drop off a new mask or pick up their child for the remainder of the day.
 - Face covering compliance will be monitored daily.
 - Face coverings should be without vents or text or images that are either distracting or that conflict with the school culture.
- Henderson Collegiate encourages, as much as possible, physical distancing in hallways, common areas, food consumption areas, and restrooms.
 - Lunch will be eaten in classrooms and sneeze guards will be utilized to provide barriers among students and staff.
- Henderson Collegiate will continue to create time and access for regular hand washing and sanitizing, as well as other safety measures in the classroom. Our goal is to layer as many mitigation measures as possible.
 - Henderson Collegiate will provide hand sanitizer at all building entrances and exits and within each classroom for easy access.
 - We will continue to utilize enhanced sanitation and cleanliness procedures.
 - Henderson Collegiate has hired a full-time school nurse to provide on-site health-related services.

In closing, we want to thank our families for working with our school personnel and for being respectful in regard to our implementation of required guidance. Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we, a school community, collectively navigate the ever-changing dynamics of COVID-19.

Sincerely,
The Henderson Collegiate Team