



**Hope Leadership Academy**

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To: HLA Staff and Parents

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***RE: COVID Protocol***

As we begin the 23/24 school year, we would like to share our COVID protocol for staff and students so we can all be prepared and plan accordingly!

Please be aware, we are following the CDC guidelines:

**COVID Symptoms:**

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Upset stomach
- Headache
- Loss of taste and/or smell

**Testing for COVID:**

- If a COVID test is positive, the result is most likely accurate and isolation should begin.
- If a COVID test is negative but symptoms are present, a second test should be administered 48 hours after the first one.
- If you have been exposed to COVID but have no symptoms, you should be tested at least twice in a 48-hour period.

**Tested Positive for COVID:**

- Isolate for **5 days**
- Staff and students can return on **Day 6** if **symptom-free**
- **Days 6 – 10** must wear a mask (high quality) and social distance (6 feet)
- Staff and students must have a **negative Antigen test** before returning