

Highland Park Public School District

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COVID-19 School District Building Opening and Closing Protocols 2020-2021

Adapted from the response plan on February 22, 2021



If a classroom has a student or any personnel who test positive, all people in the classroom and others with contact with that person in the schools must be quarantined for 14 days. If two cases occur within a school and have had contact, that school may be closed for 14 days. An assessment of the health status of the other schools will be conducted and a decision on whether the district will return to virtual learning in such a case will be made by a consultation between the Superintendent and the Board.*

Per the CDC, once a school is open, that school may remain open for in-person instruction even in cases of “substantial” or “high” community transmission as long as the school strictly implements mitigation strategies and as long as remaining open would not violate the above protocol on in-school transmission.

Schools will not reopen after being closed if there are 33 reported positive cases or more of COVID-19 in seven days in Highland Park. At least two days in the past seven must show a seven-day total of at least 33 cases. Lower numbers of reported positive cases may prompt closing based on other factors such as infections in either or both of the schools, as outlined in this plan.+

*The available data indicates that COVID-19 cases in multiple independent classrooms suggests unacceptable community spread.

+This is based on the percentage of people who are newly infected with COVID-19 in Highland Park, which would likely indicate unacceptable community spread.