



# HINSDALE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Hornet Football families,

This letter is to inform you that a student participating in football camp at Hinsdale South has tested positive for COVID-19. We are coordinating our efforts with DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) to promptly identify and monitor individuals who have had recent contact with this student to prevent further spread within our school and community.

In accordance with guidelines set forth by DCHD, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), **we will be suspending all football-related activities for 14 days and requiring all students and staff who participated in the camp to quarantine through September 24, 2020.**

Please know that preserving and protecting the health and safety of our students and staff during this challenging time is our highest priority. With this in mind, we are taking the following steps in response to the positive test:

**To prevent further spread of the disease, Hinsdale South is taking the following steps:**

- As stated above, all students and staff members who are identified as having had prolonged close contact to the individual who tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine for 14 days. Close contacts will also receive a separate notification from DCHD.
- Ongoing monitoring of students and staff for signs and symptoms of illness; evaluation of illness reports to promptly identify possible outbreaks.
- Conducting a deep clean and disinfection of the areas impacted by potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

**We will continue to enforce the following practices, procedures and protocols to help keep our students and staff healthy and safe:**

- Staff are required to wear face coverings at all times while in contact with children and other staff in the facility.
- High-touch areas (e.g., door handles, stair rails, sink faucets, etc.) will continue to be sanitized.



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- Students and staff will continue to be reminded about the importance of face coverings, social distancing, and proper handwashing while they are at home, in school, etc.
  - Avoid sharing personal items (e.g., water bottles).
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; cover your coughs and sneezes.
  - Wash your hands frequently and properly in accordance with the [CDC guidelines](#).
- As we receive more information from DCHD and other entities, we will implement additional recommendations and guidelines.

**As always, everyone should monitor their health and stay at home if they develop symptoms [1]. Sick people should contact their health care provider to determine if testing is needed. Anyone who develops severe symptoms [2] should seek medical care immediately.**

We are fully committed to providing our students and staff with access to a healthy and safe learning environment, and appreciate your continued support in achieving this important goal.

Sincerely,

Arwen Pokorny Lyp, Principal  
Hinsdale South High School

[1] 1 Symptoms of COVID-19 include: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

[2] 2 Severe symptoms of COVID-19 include: trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish lips or face.