

# Hartsburg-Emden CUSD #21

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## Update to School COVID-19 Plan

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### **Safety Precautions for Students/Staff:**

Hartsburg-Emden CUSD #21 continues to update their COVID-19 protocols as we get input from the Health Department. The latest information is an update from them.

Testing – the State (Illinois State Board of Education – ISBE/Illinois Public Health Department – IDPH) recommends that anyone who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms to test. However, Hartsburg-Emden’s lab was an extension of the Logan County Health Department (we were a licensed testing site, giving the same tests). The Logan County Health Department is no longer receiving supplies or testing materials and has discontinued their COVID-19 testing services. Therefore, **Hartsburg-Emden will no longer be operating as a testing site.** I am grateful we were able to provide the service to our school and community the past 14 months. If you are concerned about COVID-19 and wish to test, you will need to find a testing site or purchase an over the counter test at a drug store.


Quarantines/Protocols – Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 . . . are still asked to isolate for 5 days . . . if symptom free (after the 5 days) . . . they may return to school with a mask for 5 days and are asked to Social Distance through the 10th day. So, there has really been no change in the way we deal with positive reported cases of COVID-19.

Close Contacts/Protocols – The Logan County Health Department has informed us that close contacts who have no symptoms have no restrictions and are to carry on normally (there is no masking or Social Distance requirements). There is no longer a need for close contacts, who are asymptomatic, to mask at school, it is 100% optional. However, it is recommended that anyone who believes he/she is a close contact, who begins to exhibit symptoms, begin wearing a mask and to test right away.

We continue to ask parents/caregivers to be overly cautious when considering whether or not to send a child to school. **Please help keep our school a Sick Free Zone.** This will help ensure we have a safe educational environment for all our students and reduce the spread of all sicknesses. I would like to thank everyone in advance for their support in keeping our students safe and healthy as we approach the flu/cold season.

If you have questions, please send an email or call the school.

Sincerely,



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