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Dear Parents and Students,

Southampton County Public School Division has implemented instructional supports in addressing attendance for students positive for COVID-19 and students in isolation/quarantine. We recognize there may be situations when an individual or multiple members of a school community test positive for COVID-19 or need to be isolated or in quarantine. Southampton County Public School Division is dedicated to assisting these students using Schoology or instructional packets. Instruction will be provided asynchronously. All assignments will be updated by the teacher for student access weekly using Schoology. Students may contact teachers through Schoology, Remind, emails, or phone calls for needed support. Once students are able to return to school, teachers will work with them to give extra assistance where needed. Guidance counselors will also be available for students.

Students who are positive for COVID-19 or students in isolation/quarantine will be marked as absent due to COVID-19 for up to two (2) weeks (up to a total of 10 school days). Schools will use a code that will count students as being present only for those days. Records will be reviewed and updated for these attendance changes from the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

Students needing Internet connection may use the URL below to fill out the form to request a MiFi. The link can also be found under Start of School Resources on the division website.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9rwsrkeoLV1G1MlYmZN8NWueFenm6RYs89H8LYQ2suYl8gQ/viewform

Thank you for your continued support,
Kelli Gillette, Director of Curriculum

Southampton County Public School Division
Instructional Supports and Attendance Guidelines for Students Quarantined as a Result of Close Contact with, or in Isolation after Testing Positive for, COVID-19 in the 2021-2022 School Year.

In the event a student is quarantined as a close contact of or is isolated after testing positive for, COVID-19 they will be provided with remote learning opportunities for up to ten school days. Students that participate in remote learning opportunities will not be considered absent for those ten school days.

	COVID-19 Positive Students (Symptomatic or Asymptomatic)	Students in Quarantine
Number of Days Student Will be Counted Present with Remote Learning Opportunities	Ten School Days	Ten School Days
Mode of Instruction for Students with Internet Access	Schoology	Schoology
Mode of Instruction for Students without Internet Access	Instructional Packets	Instructional Packets
Students that are quarantined may take a COVID-19 test after the fifth day and return after the seventh day with a negative result and no symptoms. Families may take advantage of free at home testing kits from their child's school. The kit can be taken home when the student is originally quarantined or be picked up at any time by a parent.		
Vaccinated students are not required to quarantine following an exposure to COVID-19. Vaccinated students are reminded to monitor for symptoms, and testing is recommended for COVID-19 3-5 days after initial exposure or if they develop symptoms of COVID-19.		
Unexcused absences begin to accrue once the ten days of remote learning are over and students remain out of school.		