



## *HCA Medical Emergency Policy*

1. HCA will provide ongoing and proactive education and communication to staff, students, and families regarding health and hygiene.
2. In the event of a medical emergency, epidemic and/or pandemic, HCA will refer to recommendations from the PA Department of Health in regard to prevention, transmission, and time out of school.
3. If at any point in time more than half of the school staff and /or students are absent due to illness, the administrator may make the decision to close the school and implement the Flexible Education Days or eLearning Days to prevent the spread of further illness. The return to school will be re-evaluated daily.
4. In general, the following medical guidelines are followed:
  - a. For any student with a temperature of 100 degrees or more or who is ill, a parent or guardian will be contacted and asked to pick the child up.
  - b. Students must be fever free (temperature less than 100 degrees without fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours prior to returning to school.
  - c. Students exhibiting signs of illness will be sent to the office and, if necessary, a parent will be contacted.

## *Addendum for 2021-22 School Year*

In light of COVID-19 concerns, the following guidelines will supersede the general medical guidelines:

1. Students exhibiting known symptoms of COVID-19 (such as runny nose, congestion, pink eye, coughing, sore throat, unusual fatigue, redness or swelling of the lips, tongue, hands or feet, muscle aches, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, shortness of breath, chest pain and/or fever) will be sent to the office. A parent or guardian will be contacted to consult with HCA Staff. If the student is *fever free* with *mild* symptoms, such as sore throat and runny nose, they will be allowed to return to the classroom. The student will be closely monitored by HCA staff to ensure their health is not declining throughout the day.
2. If the student or a close contact/household member tests positive for COVID-19, the HCA office should be contacted for proper sanitization and communication purposes. Upon receipt of communication, the HCA Student Life Committee will assess the situation with the consultation of medical professionals to provide timely communication to the HCA families and staff regarding next steps to be taken to mitigate any further spread of the virus. \*If a student is required to quarantine, HCA staff will work with the family to provide a virtual learning experience for the student.