

**@HSDHealth Message Four Individuals Test Positive:
1 male HMHS, 2 female HMS staff, 1 male HMS**

HSD Cases #67, #68, #69, #70

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff:

This letter is to inform you that (4) individuals in the Haddonfield School District have tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). All contact tracing has been completed.

A brief explanation of our bullet point about whether an individual did not likely contract the virus in school:

While there isn't 100% certainty about transmission, our administrative and medical team carefully analyze each case. The two most prominent factors that help determine the likelihood of transmission origin include the "look back" date (e.g. were they in school when contagious?) and/or our interview with the COVID+ individual and/or parents to determine if anyone with whom the person has come in recent close contact is COVID+. Additionally, we attempt to determine a connection (even if beyond the look back) to COVID+ individuals in class with whom s/he came into contact. Most of the HSD cases have not involved in-school contact tracing. Approximately 21% of our cases have involved in-district contact tracing, which indicates that, in the majority of cases, individuals are staying out of the schools when symptomatic and/or when they have a symptomatic household member.

We continue to urge parents to keep your student home at the first signs of [COVID symptoms](#) and to please notify your school nurse as soon as you receive a COVID+ test. This helps the school district respond in the most efficient manner possible.

A reminder to continue to ensure that all individuals awaiting a COVID test do not enter our schools. Moreover, if a specialized school service is provided in the home, it is critical that parents proactively notify school district personnel to avoid placing our staff at increased risk, even if the individual being tested is asymptomatic.

Here are all of the details that we are permitted to share at this time:

Case 67: HMHS

- **The individual is a male in his 10s in Cohort A.**
- **The individual was symptomatic on Friday, December 11.**
- **The individual was tested and received results on Monday, December 14. According to guidelines, there is a "look back" period beginning two days before either the administration of a positive test if asymptomatic or two days before symptoms with a positive test. In this case, the "look back" is Wednesday, December 9.**
- **This individual was last in the district on Monday, December 7.**
- **Based on currently available information, this individual did not likely contract the virus in school.**

Case 68: HMS

- **The individual is a female in her 50s.**
- **The individual was asymptomatic.**

- The individual was tested and received results on Tuesday, December 15. According to guidelines, there is a “look back” period beginning two days before either the administration of a positive test if asymptomatic or two days before symptoms with a positive test. In this case, the “look back” is Sunday, December 13.
- This individual was last in the district on Monday, December 14.
- Based on currently available information, this individual did not likely contract the virus in school.

Case 69: HMS

- The individual is a female in her 50s.
- The individual was symptomatic on Wednesday, December 9.
- The individual was tested on Saturday, December 12, and received a positive test on Wednesday, December 15. According to guidelines, there is a “look back” period beginning two days before either the administration of a positive test if asymptomatic or two days before symptoms with a positive test. In this case, the “look back” is Monday, December 7.
- This individual was last in the district on Wednesday, December 9.
- Based on currently available information, this individual did not likely contract the virus in school.

Case 70: HMS

- The individual is a male in his 10s from Cohort B.
- The individual was symptomatic on Monday, December 14.
- The individual was tested and received results on Tuesday, December 15. According to guidelines, there is a “look back” period beginning two days before either the administration of a positive test if asymptomatic or two days before symptoms with a positive test. In this case, the “look back” is Saturday, December 12.
- This individual was last in the district on Friday, December 11.
- Based on currently available information, this individual did not likely contract the virus in school.

Please note that all COVID+ messages sent by the district are archived on our website at <https://haddonfieldschools.org/hsdhealthCOVID-messages/>.

Sincerely,

Charles Klaus
Superintendent of Schools

We have streamlined this notification letter. To view additional information contained in previous COVID+ notifications, please click [here](#).