Together, we can protect the health and safety of HCS students and staff, and slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

By signing the Hamilton County Schools Pledge, I commit to following these SAFE behaviors every day.

Stay at home if you are sick!
- I will self-check for COVID-19 symptoms every day, including fever, coughing, shortness of breath, or new loss of taste or smell.
- I will track any symptoms, or lack of, in the Ascend Symptom Checker before reporting to school every day.
- I will stay home if, within the last 24 hours, I or anyone in my household has experienced a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher or any symptoms of COVID-19.
- I will not report back to school until I am well and am cleared to return.
- I will stay at home if I have been in close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the last 14 days. 'Close contact' means being closer than 6 ft. apart for 10 minutes or more.

Avoid getting too close to others.
- I will maintain social distance from other people whenever possible, remembering that some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus.
- I will be especially mindful of keeping distance from people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.
- I will keep my belongings separate from others' belongings.
- If sharing supplies by students or staff is necessary, I will make sure the supplies are disinfected between uses.

Face coverings are a must.
- I will bring a face covering to school every day.
- I will wear my face covering at all times, unless I am in a well-ventilated area, such as outside, and can keep a safe social distance from other people.*
- I will follow my school's rules about taking breaks from my face covering during the day.

*Face coverings are recommended but not required for K-2 students while they are in their classroom with their cohort. Staff may remove face coverings when they are alone in a room, such as an office or classroom, with the door closed.

Everyone wash your hands and sanitize surfaces.
- I will wash my hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing my nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not available, I will use hand sanitizer to clean my hands regularly.
- I will help keep my personal learning space clean by wiping down my materials and desk area.

When can I return to school?
- If I test positive for COVID-19 or am exposed to a person with a confirmed positive test, I will follow Health Department instructions for returning to school.
- If I am not currently experiencing or have not experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days, I understand that I may return to school if I am fever and otherwise symptom-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
- If I am currently experiencing or recently experienced symptoms of COVID-19, I will follow the decision guidance in the Employee Return to Work Decision Guidance and Student Return to School Decision Guidance documents in determining when I am able to return to school.

What else can I do to be SAFE?
- Practice these SAFE behaviors outside of school.
- Limit your exposure to COVID-19 by limiting unnecessary interactions with other people inside and outside of school.
- If you believe you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, please consider quarantining yourself and anyone else in your household until you are confident you are not contagious or do not have the virus.

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