

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Dear Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) of the Hamilton County High School Class of 2020:

The Florida Department of Health in Hamilton County has been notified of a positive COVID-19 case in at least one individual who attended graduation on Friday, June 26, 2020. If you have been in proximity, you may have been exposed to COVID-19. If COVID-19 symptoms develop, seek medical attention immediately.

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person. Respiratory droplets are produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths and noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. The most common symptoms associated with COVID-19 are fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. If symptoms develop, immediately isolate, except to seek medical care, and separate from others in the home as much as possible. A viral test is needed to confirm if someone has a current infection.

The best way to prevent illness is by limiting exposure to the virus.

- Maintain good social distancing (about 6 feet).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
 - If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering in public.

Close contact is anyone who had face-to-face contact or shared a small space for a long period of time with an infected person or had direct contact with the respiratory secretions (such as coughing or sneezing) of a person with COVID-19. If you are already sick, stay home and monitor your symptoms. If symptoms worsen, seek medical attention.

- Drive thru testing will be offered at Hamilton County Health Department on:
Thursday, July 2nd 9 am – 11 am., 209 SE Central Ave, Jasper, FL

If you have any questions, please call the Florida Department of Health in Hamilton County at 386-792-1414. More information about COVID-19 is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/covid19>.

Sincerely,

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