

Modified Home and Hospital Process for High Risk Students Vulnerable to COVID-19

(This is not for students who may require isolation or quarantine due to COVID-19)

- 1 Parents/Guardians are concerned about in-person learning for School Year 2021-2022 due to a health consideration.
- 2 Family reviews relevant DESE Guidance ([Policy CMR 28.03\(3\)\(c\) & 8/20/21 Update](#)). Family believes that the student will not be able to learn at school for at least 14 school days during SY21-22 due to a health consideration.

3a Family consults with their Primary Care Physician (PCP) and/or medical specialist to discuss if the student's medical condition prohibits them from learning in person. If the physician asserts that the student needs an at-home learning accommodation, the doctor completes the [Physician's Statement Form](#).

AND

3b The parent or guardian completes the [COVID-19 Cover Sheet](#).

4 Family submits the completed Physician's Statement and COVID-19 Cover Sheet to the school nurse for review. Nurse works with family to add in any missing information. School nurses can reach out to health services for consultation, if needed.

5 The [Physician's Statement Form](#) and the COVID-19 Cover Sheet are submitted together by the nurse to homeandhospital@bostonpublicschools.org. If the student is on an IEP and is unable to attend school in person for more than 60 school days, then the school will be required to hold a team meeting.

6a **If approved**, Home and Hospital team communicates approval via email. Within 48 hours:

- Student is coded as Home and Hospital in the BPS Student Information System (Aspen) by the Home and Hospital team.
- School team enrolls the student in the appropriate courses in EdOptions Academy and the student begins at-home learning.

6b **If denied**, Home and Hospital team communicates denial via email. The student is expected to continue to attend school in-person right away.