

# Press Release

Hamilton County Health Department



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## **Health Department and Hamilton County Schools Announce Potential COVID-19 Exposures at Chattanooga School for the Arts and Sciences (CSAS) and Brainerd High School Graduations**

HAMILTON COUNTY, TN - The Hamilton County Health Department, in partnership with Hamilton County Schools, is notifying the community about potential COVID-19 exposures that occurred at the CSAS High School graduation, Friday, June 26, and Brainerd High School graduation, Saturday, June 27.

Case investigations have revealed that each event had a person in attendance while in their infectious period. In both incidences, the individual was an audience member and sat in the stands. They were not students on the field. It is recommended that anyone who attended these events get tested and monitor their symptoms. For a link to COVID-19 symptoms, visit [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing).

[Free Health Department testing](#) is available Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Brainerd High School from 7AM to 11AM. Health Department testing sites will closed Saturday and Sunday in observance for the holiday, and reopen next week at East Lake Academy.

“We remind everyone that if you are experiencing any unusual symptoms at this time, please stay home,” said Health Department Administrator Becky Barnes, “Going out for any reason while symptomatic puts others at risk.”

For more information, please call the Health Department’s COVID-19 hotline at (423) 209-8383. The hotline will be open Friday 8AM-4PM but will be closed over the holiday weekend. Do not call Hamilton County Schools for information related to COVID-19 exposures.

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