



COVID-19 Facts for Families

Positive Tests

- ✚ If your child tests positive, immediately advise your student's school administrator or school nurse.
- ✚ Positive students must stay home for 10 days, with the last 24 hours being symptom free.
- ✚ Please do not send your child to school if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 (*Symptoms include any of the following: Fever/chills, cough, fatigue, body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea or new loss of taste or smell.*)
- ✚ If a member of your family is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 and has been tested, as a precaution, we encourage you to keep your child(ren) at home until those test results are confirmed.
- ✚ If someone in your home tests positive, your child(ren) must stay home to quarantine for 14 days from their last day of exposure. We do not require a negative test for your student to return to school.
- ✚ If your child presents with symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19 during their 14-day quarantine, notify your school. Their return to school date will change.
- ✚ If your child is tested for COVID-19, they must remain home until test results are received.

Direct Contacts-Quarantined for 14 Days

- ✚ Having direct contact is defined by the Georgia Department of Health (DPH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as being less than six feet away from a COVID-19 positive individual for more than 15 minutes.
- ✚ If your child has been identified as a direct exposure and then tests negative, they must complete the 14-day quarantine period at home. DPH does not recommend testing unless they become symptomatic. If you want to have your child tested, DPH recommends that you wait until day 10-14 of quarantine.
- ✚ If your child has been identified as a direct exposure and was wearing a mask, they must still quarantine for 14 days. The masks add additional protection against the virus, but the child is still considered a direct exposure, per [DPH guidelines](#).
- ✚ If one of your children needs to quarantine due to a direct exposure, your other children do not need to be quarantined. You should monitor your quarantined child's temperature and keep them isolated from other family members as a precaution. Follow up with a physician as needed.
- ✚ If your child is not identified as a direct exposure, but was in the same class or on the same bus with someone who was COVID-19 positive, you may choose to self-quarantine as a precaution. Please let your school administration know, so that your child's attendance can be coded correctly, and the teacher will know they will be participating through the FCS itslearning platform.

Did You Know?

- ✚ After a person tests positive for COVID-19, they can continue to test positive for up to 12 weeks (after their contagious period is over and they are no longer experiencing symptoms).
- ✚ A person does not need to quarantine due to a direct exposure if they have had a positive COVID-19 test within the past 90 days. The DPH data base holds this information so that the school can double check