



Riverwatch Middle School  
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## **Covid-19 Procedures and Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Thank you for helping us keep everyone healthy!**

#### **To assist us, please do the following:**

- Take your child's temperature each morning before coming to school.
- Check your email each morning before your child leaves home for messages from the school regarding any direct exposure and quarantine requirements.
- Wear a mask and maintain distance from others if you need to enter the school.

**PLEASE DO NOT** send your child to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms **or** are awaiting a COVID-19 test result.

Your decisions and actions impact others, so please act responsibly to keep our schools healthy and safe. COVID-19 symptoms include:

#### **What to do if your child has symptoms of COVID-19 ...**

COVID-19 has a wide range of symptoms such as:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If your child is experiencing any of these symptoms in the 24 hours leading up to the school day, you must keep them at home. If you are keeping your child at home due to symptoms, please email the school nurse ([kvarner@forsyth.k12.ga.us](mailto:kvarner@forsyth.k12.ga.us)) to let her know. Students staying at home may continue working via ItsLearning if the child feels well enough.

#### **What to do if someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 ...**

You are required to keep your child at home for 14 days *from their most recent exposure* if someone in the household tests positive for COVID-19. Students quarantining will not be marked as absent as long as they feel well enough to continue learning from home. Please email the school nurse ([kvarner@forsyth.k12.ga.us](mailto:kvarner@forsyth.k12.ga.us)) to make them aware if someone in your household has tested positive for COVID-19.



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### **What to do if your child tests positive for COVID-19 ...**

If your child tests positive, whether they are symptomatic or not, they must remain quarantined for a minimum of 14 days. Please email the school nurse ([kvarner@forsyth.k12.ga.us](mailto:kvarner@forsyth.k12.ga.us)) immediately when someone in your home tests positive for COVID-19. Watch for symptoms during the quarantine. If your child becomes symptomatic after the 14 days of quarantine, they must remain at home until they are symptom-free for at least 24 hours without medication. Note, that when a positive case is reported to FCS, it is confirmed by the DPH.

If a student receives a positive COVID-19 result AFTER school hours, including weekends, contact your school principal or assistant principal by email.

### **How FCS Will Communicate COVID-19 Information with Parents/Guardians?**

Our main method of communication will be email. We will be using emails listed in Parent Portal accounts. All parents/guardians MUST have a Parent Portal account.

- If you DO NOT have a Parent Portal account, [view directions here](#).
- If you DO have a Parent Portal account, [learn how to update your email addresses and phone numbers](#).

All parents/guardians MUST check their email frequently for updates. Direct exposure emails will be sent between 5-10 pm and by 6:05 am.

Similar to inclement weather/school closures, parents/guardians MUST have a plan in case their child is transitioned temporarily or for an extended period of time to virtual learning from home.

### [FCS COVID Communication Guide](#)

### **What happens when a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 ...**

Once we receive notification of a positive test, we determine which students or staff members may have received direct exposure. Direct exposure is defined as being within 6 feet of the affected person for 15 minutes or longer. We complete a report that communicates this information to the Georgia Department of Health so that they may complete contact tracing steps. At the same time, an email message is generated to the email address on record at school which states:

*Dear Parent or Guardian,*

*You are receiving this email because your child has had direct exposure to an individual that has tested positive for COVID-19. Your child must stay home and transition to virtual learning using itslearning for 14 days starting from (date), the date of direct exposure. The Georgia Department of Public Health has been notified and will be in contact with you. Please monitor your child for any symptoms and access resources provided at [www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/restartforsyth](http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/restartforsyth). Please contact your physician for health questions and contact your child's teacher for questions related to school/itslearning.*



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It is vital that all parents check their email each morning before the child leaves for school. Students quarantining due to exposure are not counted as absent unless they become ill and are unable to continue learning online.

**What happens if a student develops symptoms while at school ...**

If a child develops symptoms during the school day, the child goes directly to the school nurse. The school nurse will immediately contact the parent for the child to be picked up. We have created areas that will allow us to keep the symptomatic child away from others while waiting to be picked up by the parent.

*If everyone does their part, we all benefit!*

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