

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 10 full days from their **last** exposure to the positive case. During this time, if your child presents with any symptoms or test positive, please contact your student's school administrator or school nurse.
- ✚ If your child is tested for COVID-19, they must remain home until test results are received.

Direct Contacts-Quarantined Period

- ✚ 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, they must quarantine at home. There are three options after having a direct exposure **if your child is asymptomatic**.
 - Option one-child may return on day eight (completing a full 7-day quarantine period) with proof of a negative **PCR or Rapid** test completed on **day 5 or later** of their quarantine period. Negative test results must be uploaded/submitted by 2:00 pm the day before their intended return date and must be approved by your child's school **prior** to their return. For school-based exposures, please refer to your parent email regarding your child's test eligibility dates. Please note that day of exposure is considered day 0.
 - Option two-child may complete a 10-day quarantine period returning to school/activities on the 11th day. No negative testing required.
 - Option three-choose to quarantine for the full 14 days quarantine period.
- ✚ If your child presents with symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19 during their quarantine period, please notify their school. Their return to school date will change.
- ✚ Direct exposures must monitor for symptoms for a full 14-day period, even if they return to school early with the negative testing options. If symptoms present, then they must stay home immediately, and follow up with their health provider as well as notify their school.

- ✚ If your child has been identified as a direct exposure and was wearing a mask, they must still quarantine. The masks add additional protection against the virus, but the child is still considered a direct exposure.
- ✚ 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 validate a previous positive test.