



## **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