

Appling County Schools'

Quarantine/Isolation Protocol

Situation	Quarantine/Isolation Period (minimum)
Student or Staff is COVID-19 positive with symptoms	Must Isolate for 10 days from the beginning of symptoms AND be fever free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medicine) AND symptoms have improved before returning to school. The day after symptoms start is Day 1 of 10 for quarantine of positive symptomatic persons. https://dph.georgia.gov/isolation-contact
Student or Staff is COVID-19 positive but asymptomatic (does not have symptoms)	Must Quarantine for 10 days from the time of the test AND remain asymptomatic before returning to school. The day after the test is Day 1 of 10 for quarantine of positive, but asymptomatic persons. https://dph.georgia.gov/isolation-contact
Student or Staff has known exposure to a positive COVID-19 case (less than 6ft for more than 15 minutes) 2 Options	<p>(1) Must Quarantine for 7 days from the last day of exposure to the positive AND be tested. Must get either a PCR test or antigen test on day 5 or after of quarantine. If a quarantined student or staff member receives a negative test result while in quarantine he/she must still remain in quarantine for a minimum of 7 days AND remain asymptomatic AND provide negative test results before returning to school. A copy of the negative test result will be required for school re-entry.</p> <p>OR:</p> <p>(2) Must Quarantine for 10 days from the last day of exposure to the positive and remain asymptomatic (no symptoms) for school re-entry. No test required.</p> <p>*Refer to Return to School Guidance Link Below (March 24, 2021)</p>
Quarantine for Fully Vaccinated Individuals	<p>You are not required to quarantine if you meet all three criteria below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (i.e., it has been greater than 2 weeks following receipt of your second dose in a 2-dose series, or it has been greater than 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine), • Do not experience any symptoms since your current COVID-19 exposure <p>If you do NOT meet both of the above criteria, you should follow quarantine guidance after exposure.</p> <p>*Refer to Return to School Guidance Link Below (March 24, 2021)</p>

***DPH **requires** schools to follow minimum quarantine/isolation procedures

***Upon return to school students and staff **MUST** check in through the school Nurses office, before going to class/work (return to school guidance) [Return to School Guidance \(March 24, 2021\)](#)

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