

# Appling County Schools’ Quarantine/Isolation Protocol

Situation	Quarantine/Isolation Period (minimum)
Student or Staff is COVID-19 <b>positive with symptoms</b>	Must <b>Isolate</b> 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. <a href="https://dph.georgia.gov/isolation-contact">https://dph.georgia.gov/isolation-contact</a>
Student or Staff is COVID-19 <b>positive but asymptomatic</b> (does not have symptoms)	Must <b>Quarantine</b> 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. <a href="https://dph.georgia.gov/isolation-contact">https://dph.georgia.gov/isolation-contact</a>
Student or Staff has known <b>exposure</b> to a positive COVID-19 case <b>outside of a school setting</b>  (less than 6ft for more than 15 minutes)  <b>2 Options</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Must <b>Quarantine</b> 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.  OR:</li> <li>2. Must <b>Quarantine</b> for 10 days from the last day of exposure to the positive and remain asymptomatic (no symptoms) for school re-entry. No test required.</li> </ol> <a href="https://dph.georgia.gov/contact">https://dph.georgia.gov/contact</a>
Student or Staff has known <b>exposure</b> to a positive COVID-19 case <b>in a school setting</b> (new DPH Rule in effect at 8.2.21)  (less than 6ft for more than 15 minutes)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parent will be contacted by school for awareness of exposure</li> <li>2. Student or staff may remain at school as long as they remain symptom free</li> <li>3. Parent will monitor for COVID-19 symptoms on a daily basis</li> <li>4. Student or staff must stay home and call school nurse if they develop symptoms <b>**this may be subject to change if positive cases drastically increase in the school setting</b></li> </ol> <a href="https://dph.georgia.gov/administrative-orders">https://dph.georgia.gov/administrative-orders</a>
Quarantine for <b>Fully Vaccinated</b> Individuals	<p>You are not required to quarantine if you meet <b>both criteria’s below:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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),</li> <li>• Do not experience any symptoms since your current COVID-19 exposure</li> </ul> <p><b>If you do NOT meet both of the above criteria</b>, you should follow quarantine guidance after exposure.</p> <a href="https://dph.georgia.gov/contact">https://dph.georgia.gov/contact</a>

\*\*\*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.