



## COVID-19 Protocol and Policies August 2022

The following are guidelines for quarantine and isolation during exposure and/or testing positive for COVID.

### QUARANTINE – after exposure to someone with COVID-19

- **Day 0** is the date of last [close contact](#) with a person who has COVID-19.
- **Day 1** is the first full day after last [close contact](#) with a person who has COVID-19.
- Classroom will be notified if exposure occurred at school.

	Quarantine period:	Test/Return to school:	Comments:
<b>If a person has had close exposure to a positive person. The quarantine protocol applies to all staff and children enrolled in school.</b>	No quarantine (unless symptoms develop and/or if testing positive for COVID)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rapid test daily before coming to school through day 5 after last exposure. If positive, see Isolation Guidance. If negative, can attend school.</li><li>• Watch for <a href="#">symptoms</a> through day 10; stay home and test if symptoms develop.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exposed person must wear face mask through day 10 (if at least 3 years old)</li><li>• If exposure is a household member, begin testing immediately and continue daily testing through Day 5. In this case, Day 1 is day after positive individual's isolation ends.</li></ul>

\*In the case that an exposure happens at school, the classroom may be closed for 1-3 days depending on the specific situation to reduce further infection.

## ISOLATION – after testing positive for COVID-19

- **Day 0** is the first day of symptoms or a positive test (rapid or PCR), whichever is earlier.
- **Day 1** is the first full day after symptoms started or the test specimen was collected.
- Classroom will be notified of positive individual if classroom exposed (i.e., positive individual in classroom within 48 hours of symptom onset/positive test)

In the case that a staff member or child tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status (rapid or PCR test)	Isolation period:	Return to school:	Comments:
	Stay home at least 5 days after positive test or symptom onset date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Return to school on day 6 if <b>rapid<sup>^</sup> test negative on day 6</b> before school &amp; symptoms resolving</li></ul> <p>** If test positive on day 6, continue to stay home &amp; test daily; do not return to school until rapid test is negative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Notify school with positive test date immediately (even if over school break)</li><li>• Send photo of negative rapid test to the school before coming to school.</li></ul>

<sup>^</sup> In people with COVID, PCR tests can remain positive for many weeks or months, even after they are no longer contagious. After being diagnosed with COVID, rapid tests are a better indicator of whether a person is still contagious to others or not.

## Quarantine when exposed to a household member with COVID

- Generally, quarantine starts the day after the last exposure to someone with COVID. When you live in a house with someone who tests positive (e.g., parent, sibling, roommate), you are exposed repeatedly over their isolation period. Therefore, for a household exposure, you should:
  - Begin quarantine immediately and continue to quarantine throughout the isolation period of the person with COVID-19.
  - Continue to quarantine for an additional 5 days starting the day after the end of isolation for the person with COVID-19 (i.e. Day 1 of quarantine is Day 6 of the sick person's isolation).

## Travel – All travelers (vaccinated & non-vaccinated)

- Wear a mask (if ≥2 years old) in indoor areas of public transit (e.g., planes, trains, buses, airports).
- Test on **day 3-5** after returning from air travel (rapid or PCR test). (Day 0 is the day you returned to Atlanta)
- Watch for [COVID-19 symptoms](#); isolate and get tested if symptoms develop.
- Follow quarantine guidance above if you know you were exposed to a person with COVID-19 during travel. If no known exposure during travel, quarantine is not required.

## Other topics

- Parents may re-engage in school activities on a scheduled basis (e.g., enter classroom(s) to read to children, celebrate birthdays, etc.) however **masking (with a high quality KN95 or N95 mask) is required indoors at all times.**
- Teacher indoor masking - **masking is required indoors at all times.**
- Indoor mixing of classrooms will be kept to a minimum and, if considered, done in small groups of children for a specific purpose (i.e. sibling interactions).
- Vaccination, including children, is **strongly** encouraged for all families. If you have questions or concerns about pediatric vaccination for COVID-19, please talk with your child's pediatrician.
- Vaccination is required for all staff.