

COVID-19 QUICK TIPS | **SCHOOLS**

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Take steps to protect staff and students.

- Encourage all staff and students who do not have a medical condition prohibiting the use of a mask to **wear a mask at all times.**
- Promote social distancing:**
 - Mark 6-feet spacing in lines on floors of restrooms, locker rooms, classrooms, etc.
 - Assign seating.
- Clean and disinfect regularly** with EPA approved disinfectants.
- Encourage students and staff to **wash hands when visibly soiled.**
- Make hand sanitizer available and encourage regular use.**
- Limit nonessential visitor access to your building.**
- Screen all individuals for symptoms.**

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Watch for symptoms of illness.

Individuals who have COVID-19 may present with the following:

- Fever or chills
- New cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Muscle or body aches
- Fatigue
- Headache
- New nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose

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Take action if someone is ill or illness is suspected.

1. **Separate the COVID-19 positive individual from others until they can go home** (use an empty classroom, office, nurses station, etc.). Mask child, if appropriate. Staff sitting with the child should be masked and socially distanced. **Have COVID-19 positive individual stay home until isolation is complete.**
2. **Identify close contacts.**
3. **Notify and require quarantine for close contacts.**
4. **Report positive case(s) and their close contacts to your local health department.**

Required **isolation** period for COVID-19 positive individuals

Isolation keeps someone who is infected with the virus away from others.

Positive individuals with symptoms should isolate for at least 10 days and 24 hours fever-free, without the aid of fever reducing medications, and all other symptoms have improved.

Positive individuals without symptoms should isolate for 10 days from first positive test date.

Who is considered a **close contact**?

Regardless of mask use, close contacts include anyone who spent 15 minutes or more at a distance of 6 feet or less with the positive person during their infectious period.

How long is **quarantine** period for close contacts?

Quarantine keeps someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others. CDC recommends close contacts quarantine for 14 days.

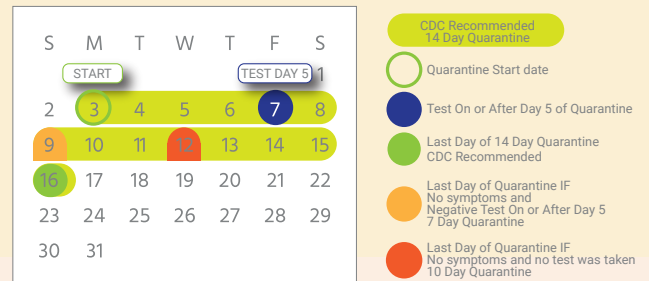
All close contacts must remain masked at all times and practice social distancing until after Day 14.

The following options exist to end quarantine after day 7 or 10 if certain criteria are met:

Individuals who start to have symptoms during their quarantine should immediately isolate and get tested.

CDC's Close Contact Exception for K-12 setting: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html

DPH's Administrative Order 15 allowing Modified Quarantine for K-12 School settings: dph.georgia.gov/document/administrative-order/administrative-order-15-current-822021/download



Close contacts who have had a COVID-19 infection within the last three months or who have been fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine. Fully vaccinated individuals should get a COVID-19 test 3-5 days after their last contact with a COVID-19 positive person.

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Report COVID-19 illness to the Health Department.

Report all positive and suspected cases to the Health Department.



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