# COVID-19 QUICK TIPS | SCHOOLS

GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## QUICK TIP 1

### Take steps to protect staff and students.

- ☐ **Masks are required in the building**
- ☐ **Promote physical distancing when feasible**
- ☐ **Clean and disinfect regularly** with EPA-approved disinfectants
- ☐ Encourage students and staff to **wash hands often**
- ☐ **Encourage students and staff to stay home when they are sick**

## QUICK TIP 2

### Watch for symptoms of illness.

**Individuals who have COVID-19 may experience one or more of 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

## QUICK TIP 3

### Take action if someone is ill or illness is suspected.

1. **Separate the individual with symptoms from others until they can go home** (use an empty classroom, office, school clinic, etc.). Mask the ill person, if appropriate. Staff sitting with the child should be masked and socially distanced. **COVID-19 positive individuals should stay home until isolation is complete.**

2. **Identify close contacts.**

3. **Notify and require quarantine for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated.**

4. **The school's Health Response Team report the positive and probable cases to the district. The district will report that information to the 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 be 24 hours fever-free, without the aid of fever-reducing medications, and **all** other symptoms should have improved.

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

Who is considered a **close contact?**

**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.

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

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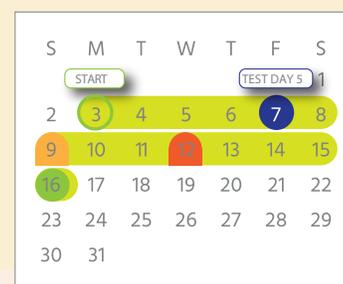


**CDC Recommended 14-Day Quarantine**

| Color | Meaning |
|---|---|
| ○ (green outline) | Quarantine Start date |
| ● (blue) | Test On or After Day 5 of Quarantine |
| ● (green) | Last Day of 14-Day Quarantine CDC Recommended |
| ● (orange) | Last Day of Quarantine IF No symptoms and Negative Test On or After Day 5 (7-Day Quarantine) |
| ● (red) | Last Day of Quarantine IF No symptoms and no test was taken (10-Day Quarantine) |

**Close contacts who have been fully vaccinated or who have had a COVID-19 infection within the last three months do not need to quarantine.**

## QUICK TIP 4

### Report COVID-19 illness.

**Each school's Health Response Team will follow the process to report COVID-19 cases. That information will be collected and transmitted to the Gwinnett Newton Rockdale Health Department.**

District leaders continue to monitor for new guidance from health partners and the state, using it to inform decision-making about mitigation strategies that might be needed during the 2021–22 school year.