

## Student and Staff Safety

# COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS



### Mask-Wearing & Physical Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Masks remain optional for students and staff (including school buses) as conditions allow.
- Fulton County Schools is ordering and distributing additional PPE to schools.

### Vaccinations

- Vaccinations/boosters for age-eligible students and employees are recommended, but not required.

### Physical (Social) Distancing & Handwashing

- To the extent possible, students and staff should keep a physical (social) distance of 3-6 feet between themselves and others.
- Staff and students should wash their hands frequently and cover their mouths/noses when coughing and/or sneezing.
- Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout schools and buildings.

### COVID-19 Case Reporting

- Staff and students are to report positive COVID-19 test results through their respective COVID portals.
- The FCS COVID-19 Response Team will investigate all reports in consultation with public health officials.
- Schools will continue to send notifications to students and/or classes with direct COVID-19 exposure.

### Bus Safety

- Student masks are recommended, but not required.
- Students have assigned seating to improve loading and unloading.
- Hand sanitizer stations are affixed to the bus frame.
- Buses are disinfected after each route and after the completion of morning and afternoon runs.

### Sickness & Isolating/Quarantining Protocol

- Everyone who is sick is expected to stay home; those who become sick at school or work will be sent home.
- Students reporting to the school clinic with an illness will have their temperature checked for fever.
- Per Centers for Disease Control and Georgia Department of Public Health guidelines, all persons with a positive COVID-19 diagnosis are required to isolate. Guidance for isolation will be provided by the FCS case investigators and Fulton County Board of Health case investigators.
- Students and staff who have had a direct exposure to COVID-19 while attending school/work or participating in school/work activities may be exempt from quarantine if they remain symptom-free and do not test positive for COVID-19. Mask-wearing for 10 days following a direct exposure is recommended but not required. If a student or staff member exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, they should not attend school, work, or other school/district-sponsored activities and events.

### Facility Safety

- Before entering an FCS facility, visitors must complete a Wellness Check screening.
- Physical partitions are placed in select, high-activity locations.
- HVAC systems have been adjusted to increase ventilation in accordance with CDC and industry recommendations.
- New HVAC filters are being fitted to existing equipment for improved indoor air quality.
- Water bottles from home are encouraged; some water fountains may not be available.
- Contact-free payment for meals is available using [www.MyPaymentsPlus.com](http://www.MyPaymentsPlus.com).

### Enhanced Cleaning

- Custodians routinely clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces.
- Safe and effective cleaner and microfiber cloths are provided to all teachers and staff to use in their work areas.

*Protocols and guidelines subject to change as new data and information warrants.*