
2021 – 2022 COVID-19 Procedures

MASKS:

- Although masks are optional for students and staff, CDC recommends masks indoors. Therefore, students are encouraged to wear masks during transitions and on the bus.

QUARANTINE & CONTACT TRACING:

- Individuals that have been vaccinated for COVID-19 and are exposed to someone with a confirmed COVID-19 case are NOT required to quarantine
- Individuals that have NOT been vaccinated and are exposed to someone with a confirmed COVID-19 case at school will NOT be required to quarantine if they meet either of the following conditions:
 - Both individuals were wearing a mask during the close contact or at least one was wearing a N95 / KN95; or
 - Both individuals maintained social distancing during the encounter
- If several individuals in a class become symptomatic, we will contact GaDPH for additional guidance
- Individuals that have been vaccinated and are exposed to a confirmed COVID-19 case within the same household are not required to quarantine, but should follow [GaDPH guidance](#)
- Individuals that have NOT been vaccinated and are exposed to a confirmed COVID-19 case within the same household should quarantine according to [GaDPH guidance](#)
- Individuals that have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered are not required to quarantine or get tested if they do not develop COVID-19 symptoms
- Contact the school's principal and/or nurse if a student tests positive for COVID-19
- Notifications will be sent if a student/staff in their child's class(es) tests positive for COVID-19
- DCS will post COVID-19 data on the district website at <https://www.dadecountyschools.org>

POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES:

Dade County Schools will follow the GaDPH guidelines which require individuals who test positive to remain isolated for 10 days from the date of symptoms, and remain fever-free without fever reducing medication for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

VACCINATIONS:

GaDPH recommends [COVID-19 vaccinations](#), however, they are not required for staff and/or students. For information about COVID-19 vaccinations, visit: <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine>

SCHOOL OPERATIONS:

- Temperature scans may be checked before entering the building
- Schools may limit large group gatherings in common areas to help with social distancing (cafeterias, gyms, auditorium, etc.)
- Enhanced cleaning measures will continue with high impact areas being disinfected throughout the school day
- [Ecovasive](#) treatments will be conducted during the school year throughout the DCS facilities
- Dade County Schools will continue to encourage social distancing
- Dade County Schools encourages individuals to continuously wash hand and use hand sanitizer
- Visitors will be limited during school operating hours; appointments are recommended

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

We will closely monitor the COVID-19 cases in our schools and throughout the community as we return to in-person instruction. We will update our [website](#) as new information become available.

The above procedures are subject to change as new information becomes available.