

COVID-19 Screening and Response Guide for Gwinnett County Public Schools *(Revised 12/14/2020)*

Students and staff with a positive case of COVID-19 (lab-confirmed, diagnosed, or suspected), and those who have been exposed to the virus, may return to school or work under the following conditions:

Contact

Was in close contact with a person who is positive for COVID-19. Close contact is defined as closer than 6 feet for 15 minutes, with or without a face covering.



Return to School/Work Timeline

No Symptoms

Individual has stayed home and self-isolated for 10 days from the last day that he or she was with the confirmed case of COVID-19.

Note: If the individual is tested for COVID-19, a negative test would decrease the quarantine period from 10 days down to 7 days. However, testing should not take place until Day 5 of quarantine or later. If the test result is positive, the person would follow the timeline in one of the Positive Case categories based on whether the individual continues to have no symptoms or has developed symptoms.

At Least One Symptom

- At least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery, which is defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
- AND**
- Improvement in other symptoms (for example, cough, shortness of breath);
- AND**
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

Note: If the individual tests negative for COVID-19 at Day 5 or later, quarantine would extend to 14 full days after symptoms first appeared.

District/School Response

Enhanced Mitigation Measures

Isolate and deep clean affected classrooms and spaces in addition to current mitigation measures.

Targeted Closure

Close off affected areas (classrooms, offices, etc.) and, if possible, wait 24 hours before deep cleaning and disinfecting.

Positive Case

Laboratory-confirmed, diagnosed, or suspected case of COVID-19. This timeline is based on the date symptoms started or, if no symptoms, the date the test was administered, not the date the result was received.



Return to School/Work Timeline

No Symptoms

- At least 10 days have passed since the positive laboratory test and the person remains asymptomatic.
- Asymptomatic individuals who test positive and later develop symptoms should follow the guidance for symptomatic persons to the right.

Symptoms

- At least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery, which is defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
- AND**
- Improvement in other symptoms (for example, cough, shortness of breath);
- AND**
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

District/School Response

Targeted Closure

Close off affected areas (classrooms, offices, etc.) and, if possible, wait 24 hours before deep cleaning and disinfecting. (Consider temporary closure if evidence of transmission in consultation with DPH)

