COVID-19 QUICK TIPS | SCHOOLS

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

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

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.

- 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.

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

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

- **CDC Recommended 14-Day Quarantine**
  - Quarantine Start date
  - Test On or After Day 5 of Quarantine
  - Last Day of 14-Day Quarantine
  - Last Day of Quarantine if No symptoms and Negative Test On or After Day 5 (7-Day Quarantine)
  - 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.