

Macon County Schools
Decision Making Protocol for
Responses to COVID-19

- **Parents are encouraged to take their child's temperature each morning and do not send child to school if temperature is 100.4° F or greater.**
- **Child should not be given fever reducing medication and sent to school if fever is 100.4° F or greater.**
- **If anyone in the household of a student or a close contact of student are awaiting COVID-19 test results, do not send student(s) to school until test results are received. Students school should be called and notified as to why student is not at school.**
- School nurse will make the determination if student or employee is exhibiting COVID-19 Symptoms
- Symptomatic individual will be isolated immediately and placed in a mask. Emergency contact will be notified if individual is a student and student is required to leave school. If individual is an employee, they will leave school immediately.
- Close contact (defined as within 6ft. for 15 minutes or longer) tracing will be implemented and parents/guardians of affected individuals will be notified of isolation or quarantine protocol as listed below
- Anyone that has been within 6 feet, for 15 minutes or longer, of the COVID positive individual, within 48 hours before the onset of individual's symptoms, will follow protocol #3 as listed below
- Areas where symptomatic individual was present for 15 minutes or longer, will be closed immediately for deep cleaning and disinfecting
- Students residing in the same household with a suspected or confirmed positive COVID-19 individual shall follow protocol #3.
- Students and faculty/staff must remain at home while awaiting COVID-19 test results.
- Individuals may return to school after following the protocol listed in table below
- Masks are mandatory for students riding Macon County School Buses
- The daily wearing of masks in school buildings is encouraged but remains optional for students and employees
- All COVID-19 related absences for students will be excused with a parent or doctors note
- Employees will follow MCBOE Policy 5.3052 FFCRA Leave

This plan may be altered based on federal, state or local guidance.

| SITUATION | RESPONSIBILITIES | RETURN TO SCHOOL | DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED | OTHER |
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| 1) POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST | Staff- Must notify principal/supervisor Immediately of Positive COVID test Students- Parent/guardian will notify principal of positive COVID test | After 10-days Isolation plus 24 hours without fever and improvement in symptoms 10 day isolation starts from day tested. | None | |
| 2) PRESENTS WITH COVID-19 SYMPTOMS AT SCHOOL OR OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL | Faculty/Staff and Students- Notify principal/supervisor, teacher or school nurse immediately if symptomatic and put on mask if at school. Faculty/Staff and students will be asked to consult with health care provider before returning to School or building | Per medical provider guidance. If health care provider is not consulted, 10 days isolation and no fever for 24 hours and improved symptoms | For student, or faculty/staff to return before 10 day isolation period Written documentation from licensed medical provider that symptoms were caused by a condition other than COVID-19. Diagnoses of “seasonal allergies”, “allergic rhinitis”, respiratory and viral conditions such as upper respiratory tract infection (URI), pneumonia, pharyngitis without positive strep test, viral illness, etc., DO NOT exclude the diagnosis of COVID-19. | |
| 3) EXPOSURE (CLOSE CONTACT WITHIN 6FT FOR 15 CONSECUTIVE MINUTES OR MORE) TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH CONFIRMED COVID-19 Inside or outside of school | Faculty/Staff and Students- Must immediately notify principal/ supervisor of exposure outside of school to a confirmed positive COVID-19 person. | AFTER 14-DAY QUARANTINE IF INDIVIDUAL NEVER DEVELOPED SYMPTOMS. IF SYMPTOMS DEVELOP, INDIVIDUAL must follow protocol #2 for symptomatic person | None if quarantined for 14 days. If symptoms develop, same documentation as protocol #2 | |

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| <p>4) Household Contact Any person that shares living space with an individual that exhibits COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive COVID-19 test.</p> | <p>Faculty/Staff and Students- Must immediately notify principal/ supervisor of a person in household with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test</p> | <p>A household contact must remain in quarantine for 24 days after a positive test of anyone in household.</p> | <p>None required</p> | |
| <p>5) Previous COVID-19 positive case (within the past 90 days) who is in close contact with an individual with COVID-19</p> | <p>Does not require quarantine</p> | <p>Immediately</p> | <p>None</p> | |