

COVID Response Sheet for Athens City Schools

Note: These are general guidelines that are subject to change. Each case will be assessed individually.



WHAT HAPPENS IF I GET SICK?

A PERSON SHOWS SYMPTOMS AT SCHOOL

If a student or adult begins to show **signs of illness at school**, the individual will be isolated from others in a pre-designated room and sent home. The extent of symptoms will determine if others who may have been in **close contact** should also be sent home to self-quarantine.

THE DEFINITION OF CLOSE CONTACT

Close Contact is defined as individuals who have been within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes, with or without a mask. (Timing begins 2 days before symptoms appear or positive COVID-19 test date). **Seating Charts** will be utilized in all classrooms and on buses to help determine potential close contacts.

A PERSON TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID

If COVID-19 is confirmed, the positive person must quarantine for 10 days- being fever-free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medications (or as directed by ADPH or a family physician). Symptoms must have improved before returning to school. **Close contacts** should self-quarantine for 14 days from exposure. **Severely immunocompromised persons** and persons with severe illness should follow the specific guidance provided by the ADPH and CDC.

**Parents or employees should contact the school immediately to report a positive COVID-19 test result.*

A PERSON SHOWS SYMPTOMS WHILE AWAY FROM SCHOOL

If a student or adult becomes **symptomatic**, he or she should see a healthcare provider to determine if it is COVID-19. Individuals with symptoms should quarantine for 14 days if they are not tested or if the test is negative (in case of false negative).

**Parents or employees should contact the school immediately to report potential COVID-19 symptoms.*

POTENTIAL EXPOSURE GUIDELINES

If the school suspects potential exposure to COVID-19, parents will be notified to the extent possible and practical. This may be a phone call or brief note. Due to HIPPA laws, very little information can be released. However, we intend to be as proactive and transparent as possible to help stop the spread. We are not contact tracers. It is the responsibility of the ADPH to interview those who test positive and to call individuals who may have been in close contact with the positive case. Off-campus exposures, including carpool situations, are the responsibility of ADPH to notify. Parents should notify those in the carpool immediately.

The 10 day limit for excused absences without a physician's excuse has been waived for this school year. Attendance will not be a factor in final exam exemptions.