



COVID-19 Protocol

2021-2022

General Guidelines

- Two options will be offered for student learning: “Face-to-Face” and “Virtual”. The virtual option is limited and students are required to meet specific guidelines set by the school.
- All classrooms, lunchrooms, and buses will have updated seating charts available to assist with contact tracing.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be placed at strategic locations throughout all district buildings.
- Students and staff will maintain social distancing whenever possible.
- All students and employees who are sick are required to stay home.
- For non-COVID-19 related illnesses (where a student is running a fever), the student must be fever free for 24 hours.
- Non-essential visitors will be limited.
- Transition periods that create large groups of individuals must be minimized in frequency and duration.

Face Coverings

- Face masks will be available to all students and staff at no cost.
- Mask during instructional time and transitions will be optional for students and staff.
- Daily replacement of masks is recommended.

Clean Hands and Hygiene

- School staff will educate students and staff on the importance of proper and frequent handwashing, and regarding the necessity to refrain from touching mouths, eyes, ears, and face.
- Frequent handwashing will be required.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be placed at strategic locations throughout the building.
- Use of hand sanitizer will be enforced upon entry to the building and prior to the consumption of food.

Safe and Healthy Facilities & Buses

- Bus drivers will clean and disinfect interior surfaces of all buses daily, including seats, windows, doors, bars, etc.
- Custodial staff will clean and disinfect all surfaces in buildings nightly. In the event of a confirmed positive case, the area, office, or classroom will be fogged.
- Teachers will sanitize high touch areas between transitions.
- Building administrators will verify that facilities have been properly cleaned.

Positive Cases & Exposures

- McIntosh County Schools will follow the CDC Guidelines. Changes will be made based on the CDC recommendations or the local Board of Education's guidance.

Positive Cases

- Positive cases will be verified, documented, and contact traced, if applicable.
- A COVID report will be completed and submitted to the Chatham Health Department.
- A return to school/work date will be assigned and reported using the CDC guidance.

Exposures

- Exposed cases will be notified as well as their guardians.
- A return to school/work date will be assigned based on the district's approved guidelines.

Review

- These protocols are subject to change based on guidance, mandates, and circumstances that may arise as we proceed.
- Semi-annual reviews will occur at the end of each semester and prior to the start of the next semester.