



COVID-19 Protocol

2023-2024

General Guidelines

- Maintain social distancing when practical.
- 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.

Face Coverings

- Face masks will be available to all students and staff at no cost.

Clean Hands and Hygiene

- School staff will educate students and staff on the importance of proper and frequent handwashing, and the necessity to refrain from touching mouths, eyes, ears, and faces.
- Frequent handwashing will be required.

Safe and Healthy Facilities & Buses

- Bus drivers will clean and disinfect the 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.
- 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

- All positive cases confirmed with a test provided by a medical facility, or a home test will be required to quarantine for five days. Positive cases can return after the five-day quarantine

period if they have been fever-free without medication for 24 hours. When returning positive staff will be required to mask for an additional five days.

Exposures

- McIntosh County Schools will not require a quarantine period for "any" close contact.

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.