



COVID-19 Re-Opening Guidelines 2020-2021

General Guidelines

- Two options will be offered for student learning: “Face-to-Face” or “Virtual”.
- 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 the all district buildings.
- Maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet is required.
- Students returning to school will have their temperature taken outside before entering the building.
- All staff will have temperatures taken and recorded before reporting to their assignment.
- 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 available to all students and staff at any time.
- Students and staff will be required to wear mask.
- Mask breaks for students will be allowed when social distancing requirements can be met.

Clean Hands and Hygiene

- School staff will educate students and staff on the importance of proper and frequent handwashing.
- Frequent handwashing will be required.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be placed at strategic locations throughout the building.

Safe and Healthy Facilities & Buses

- Water fountains will be turned off. (Each school will establish procedures to ensure students have access to water.)

- Bus drivers will clean and disinfect interior surfaces of all busses, including seats, windows, doors, bars, etc.
- Custodial staff will clean and disinfect all surfaces in buildings nightly. In the case 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 guardian if applicable and sent home to quarantine.
- A return to school/work date will be assigned based on the district's approved guidelines.

Vaccinations

- Vaccination clinics were scheduled at the elementary school's gymnasium on several dates to allow as many as possible of our community and district staff the opportunity to be vaccinated.

COVID Protocols for Summer School and the Start of School Year 2021-2022

- Masks are not required. Masks may still be worn and are offered at all district locations.
- Temperature checks are not required.
- Drinking fountains may be utilized.
- Students/employees should still remain at least 3 feet apart.
- Students/employees who are properly vaccinated (at 14 days after last shot) with verification will not be quarantined due to close contact.
- We will review the number of days students/employees may require quarantining upon receipt of ever-changing CDC guidance.
- Students/employees will be reminded of routine hygiene expectations that reduce the spread of any type of infection, not just COVID.
- Visitors will still be limited and restricted to the front office area.
- The health department is available to provide shots for individuals 16 years of age and up.
- These protocols are subject to change based on guidance, mandates, and circumstances that may arise as we proceed.

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