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To: All Principals
From: Dr. Valencia Hildreth, Director, Health Services
Date: July 15, 2022

RE: **APS COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies**

Greetings Principals!

As we prepare for the 2022-23 school year, we would like to provide an update on the COVID-19 mitigation strategies that will be in place.

- Masks will remain optional in all APS facilities and school buses.
- APS will continue offering COVID-19 testing twice per week. Staff are required to test once weekly, while student testing will remain optional.
- APS will continue to follow DPH Isolation and Quarantine guidelines. APS isolation and quarantine guidelines can be found here: <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/66450>
 - Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will need to follow isolation guidelines
 - Individuals exposed to a positive COVID-19 should follow quarantine guidelines to determine whether they need to stay at home
- Close contacts who are unvaccinated, not up to date on their vaccines and have a COVID-19 exposure at an APS facility can participate in our Test to Stay program instead of quarantining at home.

Students and staff who test positive or have a COVID-19 exposure must complete a self-report form found at the following link: <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/64958>.

Please help APS Health Services maintain a healthy and safe environment for students, staff, and our expanded APS community as we welcome the 2022-23 school year and continue to focus on academic success.

Should you have any questions about APS COVID-19 guidance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at Valencia.hildreth@atlanta.k12.ga.us. For COVID-19 updates and alerts, please visit this link: <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/covid>. For general health services questions, you may email HealthServices@atlanta.k12.ga.us, and a team member will address your concern within 24 hours.

Thank you for your continued support as we all do our part to help maintain a healthy and safe environment for our APS community.