



## **APS Health Services Urges Students and Parents/Guardians to Follow COVID-19 Screening Protocols**

Parents/Guardians:

It is important that you are aware of the student health screening protocol that will be followed once Atlanta Public Schools resumes in-person learning in 2021. If you have made the decision that your child will return for in-person learning, you are encouraged to get into the habit of daily screening your student(s) for health symptoms. For the safety of your child and others, please consider the following as an indication of when you should keep your child at home.

Has your child had any signs or symptoms of a fever in the past 24 hours such as chills, sweats, or an elevated temperature of 100.4 F or greater? Has your child taken fever-reducing medication within the last 24 hours, or experienced symptoms such as a new cough, shortness of breath, chest tightness, sore throat, nasal congestion, body aches, runny nose, loss of taste and/or smell, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, or fever/chills/sweats?

If the answer to any of these questions is YES, **STOP!** The APS Department of Health Services advises that you keep your child at home, and **immediately contact your child's health care provider for next steps**. Also, please make sure to contact the school administrator and school nurse for guidance on when your child can safely return to school.

**Additionally, you should also keep your student home and notify your student's school and school nurse if your child:**

- has had any close contact in the last 14 days with someone with a diagnosis of COVID-19?
- has taken a COVID-19 test and are awaiting results based on potential exposure to a known case or other high risk exposure?
- has taken a COVID-19 test and are awaiting results based on mild symptoms or overall feeling unwell?

### **Isolation Guidance:**

Parents/Guardians, if you or your child are diagnosed with COVID-19, please notify your child's school and the school nurse. Your child will NOT be able to attend school or school activities in-person until the recommended isolation period has been completed. The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) requires isolation for individuals diagnosed with COVID-19. You may find detailed DPH Isolation Guidance [here](#).

### **Quarantine Guidance**

If your child has been around a person who has been confirmed as having COVID-19, you must follow quarantine guidance from public health officials. DPH recommends a quarantine timeframe of 14 days for anyone who been in close contact with persons who have tested positive for COVID-19. During the quarantine period, your child will **NOT** be able to attend school or school activities in-person until the recommended quarantine period has been completed. You will find detailed DPH Quarantine Guidance [here](#).

APS has compiled information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Board of Health, and other health officials on its Coronavirus webpage at [www.atlantapublicschools.us/coronavirus](http://www.atlantapublicschools.us/coronavirus). Just scroll down the page and you will find those resources.

Thank you, in advance, for taking the necessary steps to help ensure that all students and staff members remain safe and healthy.

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