



SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY SCHOOLS

Serving Community & Cultivating Success

Contact Tracing & Quarantine Protocols

- **Contact Tracing** - 3 feet/15 minutes (cumulative)
- **Parents of “close contacts”** notified by phone/email
 - Schools should maintain a contact log of all close contact phone notifications.
 - Follow-up will be sent if a parent cannot be reached by phone/email.
- **Close contact quarantines occurring at school will be optional**
 - Students who choose to quarantine will be considered an excused absence - teachers should allow them to make up work as they would with any other excused absence
 - Staff members who are quarantined will be required to utilize sick leave - federal leave has not been extended
 - Individuals who elect not to quarantine must wear a mask for 14 days after exposure. If these individuals are not comfortable wearing a mask, they must quarantine.

If a spike in cases occurs:

- **Reinstate additional safety measures** (structured hallway transitions, limited visitors, no sharing of materials, etc)
- **Increase communication efforts** (notifications by school)
- **May reinstate traditional mandated quarantine procedures** for all close contacts

Quarantine Processes

Quarantines for asymptomatic close contacts that occur at school will be optional unless we experience a significant spread of COVID-19.

Based on Georgia Department of Public Health guidelines, the current quarantine protocol is as follows:

- Symptomatic persons with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 may return to work or school after all of the following have occurred:
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
 - At least 24 hours have passed since recovery, defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
 - Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)
- Asymptomatic persons with confirmed COVID-19 may return to work or school after:
 - At least 10 days have passed since the positive laboratory test (and the person remains asymptomatic)
 - Asymptomatic persons who have a known exposure to an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in close contact may return to work after:
 - A 10-day quarantine period
 - OR
 - A 7-day quarantine period if they remain asymptomatic and provide proof of a negative test result taken after 5 days in quarantine
- Students who choose to quarantine will be considered an excused absence - teachers should allow them to make up work as they would with any other excused absence
- Staff members who are quarantined will be required to utilize sick leave - federal leave has not been extended.

We will continue to closely monitor conditions and will make changes as necessary. We will notify families promptly if changes to plans are made.