



2022-2023 Health-Safety COVID Guidelines

VISITORS

Visitors are allowed on campus and are expected to follow the same health and safety requirements as employees.

MASKS

- Parents have the responsibility to decide whether or not their children will wear masks.
- School employees and visiting parents/guardians have the option to wear a mask.
- For employees and students, masks should not include writing or logos other than the ACA logo, nor should they feature fluorescent colors, glitter, images, or other accents or colors that might be distracting for other students.
- Neck gaiters, vented masks, and mesh masks are not permitted.
- When used, masks should be worn properly, covering both the nose and mouth.
- Following isolation, exposure, or quarantine, masks may be required for a period of time in order to return to campus, as outlined below.

WHEN TO STAY HOME

- **Students and employees who have symptoms or are sick (e.g fever, cough, nausea, sore throat, respiratory distress, etc.) should stay home.**
- Parents, caregivers, or guardians are asked to monitor their children for symptoms of infectious illness every day through home-based symptom screening. **Students who are sick should not attend school in-person.**
- Students who cannot attend class should report absences to attendance@atlantaclassical.org and their teacher(s). Employees with symptoms should notify their supervisor.
- Sick individuals should follow steps recommended by public health officials (avoid spreading germs, isolate) and should not return to campus until the recommended criteria to discontinue home isolation are met, in consultation with healthcare providers. **Questions about when to return should be directed to the school nurse (health@atlantaclassical.org)**

SYMPTOMS ON CAMPUS

Staff or students that present with symptoms of communicable disease (fever, cough, runny nose) at school will be evaluated by the school nurse for further follow-up. If symptoms are confirmed, symptomatic individuals will be escorted to the designated area at the school, and parents will be contacted for pick-up and provided further guidance by the school nurse. ACA will ensure symptomatic students safely remain under the supervision of a staff member until parents or guardians arrive. Individuals presenting with a fever cannot return until symptom-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications. If a healthcare provider suspects COVID-19 the student should remain out of school and follow quarantine and isolation guidance below. Cleaning and disinfection of the designated space will take place promptly following the student's departure.

RESPONSE TO POSITIVE CASES

If a student or staff member contracts COVID-19, the individual will be expected to follow [isolation requirements and return-to-school criteria](#) as recommended by the Georgia Department of Health. Should a student need to isolate or quarantine, principals, teachers, and the Student Services department (when applicable) coordinate with students and families to support academic progress.

Public Health Notifications will be sent to public health officials in the case of positive infections and outbreaks, as required by GA Dept of Health.

QUARANTINE & ISOLATION GUIDELINES

Atlanta Classical Academy adheres to the following quarantine and isolation guidelines.

Isolate: [Self-isolation](#) is required for those who have received a positive test result, even if they don't have symptoms. If you have tested positive for COVID, you should isolate yourself from others, including family members.

You may discontinue isolation after the following criteria have been met:

5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, or, if you did not have symptoms, since the date of your positive test, and

- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, and
- other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving.
- **Strict mask usage is required around others for 5 additional days.**

Note that these recommendations do not apply to people with severe COVID-19 or with weakened immune systems (immunocompromised). Talk to your healthcare provider for more information.

Quarantine: If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days, you are expected to follow Georgia Department of Health [quarantine guidelines](#).

- During quarantine, you should monitor for symptoms. **If you become symptomatic or receive a positive test result, you will then be required to isolate** per guidelines above.
- For people who are unvaccinated or have not received all recommended vaccine doses, **quarantine for five (5) days followed by strict mask use for an additional five (5) days.**
 - *Note- to allow time for individuals to catch up with the latest recommendations and to minimize disruption to in-person learning, we encourage boosters, but do not require them in order to forgo quarantine at this time.*
 - *Test-To-Stay (TTS) option: Instead of quarantine, **asymptomatic** individuals who are not fully-vaccinated with an in-school close-contact exposure may opt to:*
 - **Correctly and consistently wear a mask** for the entire 10-day period
 - *TTS participants must provide lab-verified negative test results upon notification of their close contact and again on 5-7 days after their last close contact with someone with COVID-19.*
- If you have received all recommended vaccine doses, you do not need to quarantine following an exposure, but should **consistently and correctly wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure.** Please contact the school nurse - health@atlantaclassical.org with details.
- If you had lab-confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days, you do not need to be quarantined following an exposure, but should **consistently and correctly wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure.** Home tests are not considered lab-confirmed tests. Please provide lab results to the school nurse - health@atlantaclassical.org.
- If a student is unable or unwilling to properly wear a required mask, parents will be called to pick them up.

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Definition of a Close Contact

A close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of a person who has tested positive for COVID for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, beginning from 2 days before they have any symptoms (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days before the positive specimen collection date), until they meet criteria for discontinuing home isolation.

For more information

Please review the following guidance documents for additional information.

- CDC Guidance on Quarantine and Isolation
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>
- GA DPH Guidance on Covid Quarantine, Isolation, and Contact Tracing
<https://dph.georgia.gov/dph-covid-19-guidance>
- CDC Information on Close Contacts
[cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact)
- A list of free testing sites can be found at
<https://www.coreresponse.org/covid-19/atlanta-ga> and
<https://www.fultoncountyga.gov/covid-19/covid-testing-sites>