



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 due to COVID-19, masks are recommended 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. 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. The school nurse has the full support of the administration in decisions to send students home for medical concerns. 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. Cleaning and disinfection of the designated space will take place promptly following the student's departure.

COVID-19

All of the guidance above applies to any communicable disease, including COVID-19. Students and employees who have COVID symptoms should stay home, and are strongly encouraged to stay home for five full days from symptom onset, even if symptoms subside.

The Georgia Department of Health and our school continue to recommend masking in cases of exposure to COVID-19, in addition to isolation for positive cases.

Isolation days due to positive COVID-19 cases are considered excused absences. Exposure to COVID-19 (close contacts) without symptoms or positive test results do not require isolation days, and are not considered excused absences.

Georgia Department of Health Guidelines may be found at the following links.

- [Georgia Department of Health Exposure Guidance](#)
- [Georgia Department of Health Isolation Guidance](#)