

ATLANTA CLASSICAL ACADEMY

Summer 2021 Health-Safety (COVID) Guidelines

Sick individuals are not permitted to be on campus.

- Individuals who have symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, nausea, sore throat, respiratory distress, etc.) should stay home. Employees with symptoms should notify their supervisor.
- Sick individuals should follow CDC-recommended steps (avoid spreading germs, isolate). Sick individuals should not return to campus until the CDC criteria to discontinue home isolation are met, in consultation with healthcare providers.
- Unvaccinated employees who are well but who have a sick family member at home with COVID-19 should notify their supervisor and follow CDC recommended precautions, and remain at home at this time as well.
- No unvaccinated employee, student or visitor should come to campus if they are waiting on a COVID-19 test result, or if they qualify as a close contact of a person who has tested positive

Reference: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

Physical Distancing

- Classrooms will continue to be spread out as much as possible (typically, 3' - 6' between desks, and 6' of lecture space for teachers)
- Seating charts will be maintained to facilitate contact tracing
- A separate area will be maintained to care for anyone with a suspected COVID-19 infection

Necessary visitors are allowed on campus and are expected to follow the same requirements as employees:

- All employees, students and visitors are expected to self-evaluate their health and stay home if symptoms are present.
- Large indoor gatherings will be minimized.
 - Lunches will continue to be served in classrooms
 - Assemblies before and after school will not take place
- Restrooms are limited to two persons at a time.
- See ACA Mask Policy below.

Based on the best available evidence at this time,

- *CDC does not currently recommend schools conduct symptom screening for all students in grades*

K-12 on a routine (e.g., daily) basis.

- *Parents, caregivers, or guardians (“caregivers”) should be strongly encouraged 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.*

Reference: Screening K-12 Students for Symptoms of COVID-19: Limitations and Considerations

Additional guidelines for school-sanctioned gatherings, activities, and athletics (on or off campus) that include students:

- COVID waiver by all participants is required in advance, and all attendees without waivers will be contacted in advance to inform them they may not attend.

English - atlantapublicschools.schoolmint.net/packets/15718

Spanish - atlantapublicschools.schoolmint.net/packets/15585

- All gatherings including students must be pre-approved by the **Director of Operations** to facilitate cleaning and preparation.
- Activity leaders will:
 - Supervise participants at all times.
 - Ensure mask guidelines are adhered to.
 - Complete attendance roster and waiver for all participants before gathering begins and log with the front office. Decline anyone without a signed waiver.
 - Take note of any students who are within 6’ of others for 15 minutes or more (this allows us to contact trace should an infection occur).
- When possible, restrooms should be limited to two persons at a time.
- The Athletic Director will monitor and follow **GHSA guidelines** for all athletic activities.

Guidelines when Transporting Students

- *Cleaning:* At the end of the day, all transportation will be disinfected.
- *Wearing a mask:* **All passengers must wear a face mask while riding school transportation.**

“You will still be required to wear a mask on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States, and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.” - CDC - [When You’ve Been Fully Vaccinated - Covid-19](#)

- *Seating:* All students will have an assigned seat. Seats will be filled from back to front when boarding.
- *Ventilation:* To increase the circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, windows will remain slightly open.

Mask Guidelines

All vaccinated members of our community have the option of wearing masks on campus. We recommend that all unvaccinated members of our community continue to wear masks per health department guidelines.

- Masks will be provided upon request.
- Neck gaiters and vented masks are not permitted.
- Masks should not be fluorescent colors, nor should they include writing or logos other than the ACA logo.
- When riding school transportation, masks are required by all passengers (regardless of vaccination status).

Updated CDC Guidelines for Vaccinated Individuals

“If you’ve been fully vaccinated”:

- You can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic.
- You can resume activities without wearing a mask or staying 6 feet apart, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- If you travel in the United States, you do not need to get tested before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel.” - CDC

When You've Been Fully Vaccinated - Covid-19

Hygiene

The virus that causes COVID-19 spreads primarily in the same way that the flu and other respiratory diseases spread. As such, we will:

- Teach, reinforce and practice good hygiene measures such as hand washing and cough/sneeze etiquette
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched areas and any areas likely exposed to COVID-19 infection
- Encourage air quality through fresh air, filtration, and ventilation
- Encourage use of water bottle fillers in place of water fountains

Guidelines for Quarantine and Isolation

Atlanta Classical Academy follows CDC and GA Department of Public Health recommendations for quarantine and isolation.

1. **Isolate:** Self-isolation is required for those who have received a positive test result. The CDC states, “**For most persons with COVID-19 illness, isolation and precautions can generally be discontinued 10 days after symptom onset and resolution of fever for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications, and with improvement of other symptoms. For persons who never**

develop symptoms, isolation and other precautions can be discontinued 10 days after the date of their first positive test.” For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/isolation.html>

2. **Quarantine:** Self-quarantine is recommended for those who qualify as a close contact of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. **A close contact is considered any person that has been within six feet of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 for 15 minutes beginning 48 hours before the onset of symptoms or, if they are asymptomatic, before the positive test was taken.**

It is recommended that those who qualify as a close contact of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 self-quarantine for 14 days following the last time you were in close contact with a sick person with COVID-19. One should only leave quarantine in the case of an emergency or to be tested for COVID-19.

***EXCEPTION:** According to CDC guidelines, people who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered, or who are fully vaccinated (two weeks following final dose) do not have to quarantine or get tested again as long as they do not develop new symptoms. In order to qualify for these exemptions, please provide Nurse Holland with a copy of a positive test dated within the past three (3) months or proof of vaccination. Reference: [Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People.](#)*

During your quarantine, you should monitor your health for symptoms of COVID-19. Quarantine may end after seven (7) full days if all of the following criteria are met:

1. One does not experience any symptoms during your monitoring period.
2. One takes a PCR or antigen COVID-19 test on day five (5) or later of your quarantine period. A list of free testing sites can be found [here](#) and [here](#).
3. This test result is negative. In order to return to school activities prior to the 10-14 day recommended quarantine period, please provide the test result, including the date of the test, to the school nurse - health@atlantaclassical.org.

Quarantine may not be discontinued until a minimum of 7 full days have been completed since the most recent exposure, even if negative test results are received earlier. If the result is positive, please contact the school and follow DPH isolation guidance.

If one is unable to be tested for COVID-19 during the quarantine period, quarantine may be discontinued any day after day ten (10), if no symptoms are experienced during your monitoring period.

If quarantine is discontinued prior to 14 days, continue to monitor your health and follow

mitigation strategies until 14 days after the most recent exposure and isolate immediately if symptoms develop. Mitigation strategies that should be practiced include correct and consistent mask use, social distancing, hand and cough hygiene, environmental cleaning and disinfection, avoiding crowds, and ensuring adequate indoor ventilation.

For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.htm>

Guidelines for Quarantine and Isolation, cont.

3. Travel: If you travel internationally, take a cruise, or participate in other high-risk activities, testing is recommended, and quarantine from activities on and off campus is required for 7-10 days per quarantine guidelines below.

Quarantine is required for 10 days from the date you return home. If you would like to reduce your quarantine to seven days, you may follow the protocol outlined below.

- If you don't get tested, you must be quarantined for 10 days after travel.
- You may shorten your quarantine to seven days if you get tested 3-5 days after travel AND receive a negative result.
- Even if you test negative, stay home for the full 7 days.
- If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- Regardless, you should avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.

Exception: If you are fully vaccinated (two weeks following final dose), you do not need to quarantine.

If you have any questions about the specifics of your travel, please contact [Nurse Holland](#).

For more information, visit

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-risk.html>

4. Closure: In consultation with the local public health department, school officials may decide whether school closure is warranted depending on the extent of spread within our school and local community, and level of absenteeism among employees and students. In such a case, school officials will provide regular communications to our school community indicating with updates and, if necessary, plans for continuity of learning

Types of Communication

Small Group Notices are sent to people who have shared a space with someone who has tested positive but they are not considered a close contact by CDC standards, and therefore are not required to quarantine. Small group notices keep people informed so that they can watch for symptoms, limit interactions with others, and make decisions about the possibility of testing.

Close Contact Notices are sent to people who have been in close contact with a person who has tested positive, as defined by the CDC. The close contact notice outlines the requirements for quarantine and returning to campus.

Positive Notices are sent to people who have tested positive for COVID-19. The positive notice outlines the requirements for isolation and returning to campus.

Public Health Notifications: Atlanta Classical Academy is required to notify public health officials of positive infections and outbreaks.