



## **George County School District COVID-19 Back to School Guide 2022 - 2023**

The George County School District believes that students benefit most from in-person learning and instruction. With that being said, the safe return to daily, consistent, in-person instruction will always be our district's priority. George County School District will continue to monitor the COVID-19 cases in the county and the state. This continuous monitoring will allow the George County School District to make adjustments, if necessary, based upon the recommendations of local and state officials.

### **Masks:**

Masks are optional for all students and staff.

### **Social Distancing:**

George County School District will continue to social distance students and staff as much as possible to limit the spread of COVID-19.

### **Quarantine/Contact Tracing:**

George County School District will quarantine positive cases and may find it necessary to quarantine household school members. Students within 6 feet of a positive case will have the option to quarantine or continue to attend school while monitoring symptoms of COVID-19. If a parent decides to quarantine their child, the parent must contact the principal.

Phone calls for close contact of a student will be made by the local school nurse.

Only students within 6 feet for a cumulative of 15 minutes throughout the school day will receive a phone call concerning possible exposure of a positive case.

### **Positive Case:**

Students and/or staff members who test positive for COVID-19 must exclude themselves from the school setting and remain in isolation following the guidance from their doctor. For at home positive tests, staff/students must quarantine for 5 days, including household members.

### **Assemblies/Pep Rallies/Field Trips:**

Assemblies, pep rallies, and field trips will be allowed following the local school guidelines.

### **Athletics:**

Athletics will follow the above guidelines.

### **Transportation:**

Transportation will follow the above guidelines.

### **Child Nutrition:**

The local school will continue to follow guidelines to the best of their ability for social distancing, cleanliness, sanitizing, and feeding of students.

### **Cleanliness and Sanitation:**

Cleaning will target areas of frequently touched hard, non-porous surfaces, such as counters, tabletops, stair rails, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, drinking fountains, and any other surfaces that are visibly necessary for cleaning and disinfecting.

Hand sanitizer will be available at most exterior doors and in all classrooms.

Students will be provided with best practices for hygiene during the school day.

### **Reporting:**

It is the responsibility of staff, and students/parents to notify their school of a positive case.

**All students, teachers, and staff who have symptoms of any infectious illness are encouraged to stay home from school and be evaluated by their healthcare provider.**