



Changes and Updates

COVID-19 Guidance for Georgia K-12 Schools and School-Based Programs

This document is designed to help you keep track of the significant, ongoing changes and new available supports for K-12 schools and school-based programs across Georgia.

Key Changes - 12/29/2020

Main document

- Clarified language regarding the definition of a close contact (pages 7, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and Appendices)
- Expanded the list of vulnerable populations (page 9)
- Updated quarantine guidance for close contacts (pages 14, 15, 16, 17, 18)
- Added links to the electronic COVID-19 Case and Cluster School Reporting form (page 22)
- Updated document with grammatical and wording changes

Appendices

- Updated the school notification letters in the Appendices to reflect updated CDC and DPH quarantine guidance
- Updated the symptoms on the “Symptom Screening Checklist” – reflects screening students, teachers, and staff to assess whether they have ONE of the following symptoms (fever or chills, new cough, new loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing) or TWO of the following symptoms (sore throat, diarrhea, fatigue, new nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose, nausea, muscle or body aches, new severe/very bad headache, vomiting, chills)
- Updated the symptoms on the Parent/Guardian Attestation (see above for symptoms added)
- Updated the symptoms on the “Returning to School Amid COVID-19 Pandemic” (see above for symptoms added)

DPH/CDC Resources and Supports

[Toolkit for People 15 to 17](#) – Updated 01/06/2021

[Toolkit for People 18 to 24](#) – Updated 01/06/2021

[Toolkit for Youth Sports](#) – Updated 01/06/2021

[Toolkit for K-12 Schools](#) – Updated 01/06/2021

[School Decision-Making Tool for Parents, Caregivers, and Guardians](#) – Updated 01/05/2021

[Contact Tracing](#) – Updated 01/05/2021

[Schools and Childcare Programs](#) – Updated 01/05/2021

[Strategies for Protecting K-12 School Staff from COVID-19](#) – Updated 01/04/2021

[Resources for Teachers and Staff](#) – Updated 12/31/2020

[DPH Return to Child Care, School, or Institutions of Higher Education \(IHE\) Guidance After COVID-19 Illness or Exposure](#) – Updated 12/10/2020