



OPENING UPDATE

Fall 2021

CDC GUIDELINES: July 9, 2021

- Students benefit from *in-person learning*, and safely returning to in-person instruction in the fall 2021 is a *priority*.
- Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. *Promoting vaccination* can help schools safely return to in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities and sports.
- *Masks should be worn indoors by all individuals* who are not fully vaccinated. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- CDC recommends schools maintain at least *3 feet of physical distance between students* within classrooms, combined with indoor mask wearing by people who are not fully vaccinated, to reduce transmission risk. When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet, such as when schools cannot fully re-open while maintaining these distances, it is especially important to *layer multiple other prevention strategies*, such as indoor masking.

PREVENTION STRATEGIES

Covid - 19 prevention strategies remain critical to protect including students, teachers, and staff, who are fully vaccinated, especially in areas of moderate-to-high community levels.

- Screening Testing
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Staying home when sick
- Contact tracing
- Quarantine and isolation
- Cleaning

COVID-19 VACCINATION

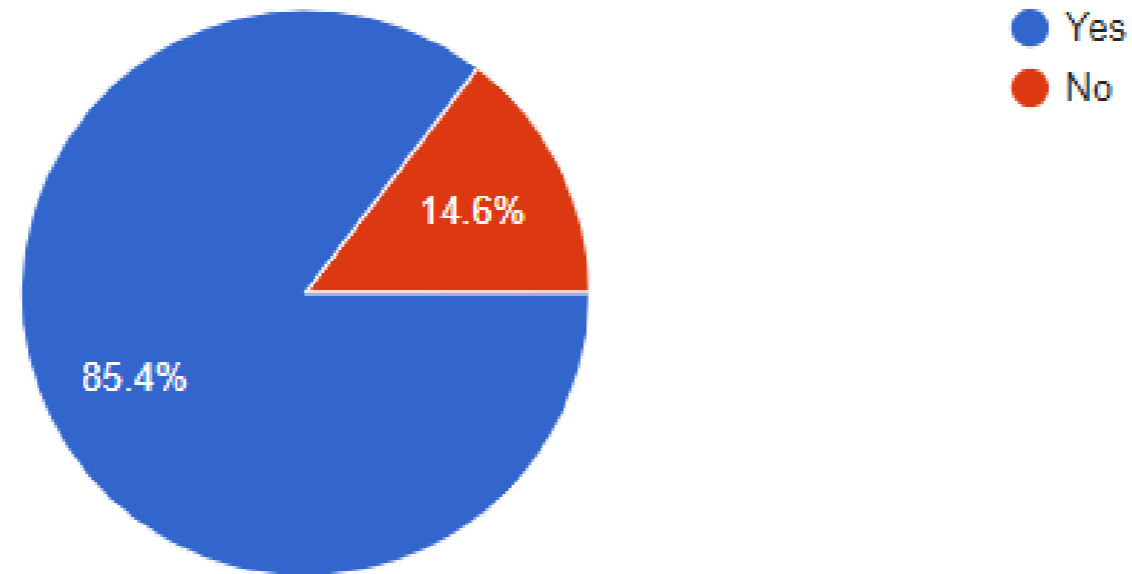
Wesley is partnering with Fulton's Board of Health to offer on-site vaccination opportunities for all APS middle and high school students who would like to participate.

More details to follow!

COVID-19 VACCINATION

Have you been fully vaccinated?

123 responses



SCREENING TESTING

Wesley is partnering with *Viral Solutions* to provide *weekly rapid antigen tests* to all students and staff members who provide consent.

When testing a large portion of the students and staff, it identifies people who have COVID-19 and have no symptoms (*asymptomatic people*) and people that are infected with COVID-19 but don't yet have symptoms (*pre-symptomatic people*).

People who are infected with COVID-19 but have no symptoms (asymptomatic) don't know that they are infected and can *unknowingly spread the virus to others*.

People who are infected with COVID-19 and haven't yet started having symptoms (pre-symptomatic) are *highly contagious and can spread the virus easily*.

When identifying these infected people early, they can begin to *quarantine in isolation* immediately and therefore prevent spreading the virus and making other students or staff sick.

QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION

Quarantine keeps someone who might have been *exposed* to the virus away from others.

Isolation keeps someone who is *infected* with the virus away from others.

QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION

Who Needs to Quarantine After Exposure to a Positive Case?	Who Doesn't Need to Quarantine After Exposure?
<p data-bbox="362 545 1352 643">People who are not vaccinated and have been in close contact with someone who has Covid-19</p> <p data-bbox="340 763 1374 859">People who develop symptoms again within 3 months of their first bout of Covid-19.</p>	<p data-bbox="1437 440 2480 591">People who have had COVID-19 within the past 3 months or who are fully vaccinated and not experiencing any symptoms.</p> <p data-bbox="1443 656 2472 806">People who have tested positive for Covid-19 within the past 3 months and recovered as long as they do not develop any new symptoms.</p> <p data-bbox="1448 871 2466 970">Note: Persons exposed to other persons who have been exposed do not need to quarantine.</p>
<p data-bbox="1114 1050 1698 1090">What Counts as Close Contact?</p> <ul data-bbox="598 1105 2225 1367" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="598 1105 2225 1204">• You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more<ul data-bbox="790 1158 2033 1204" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="790 1158 2033 1204">• You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19<li data-bbox="729 1213 2088 1312">• You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them)<ul data-bbox="1045 1265 1772 1312" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1045 1265 1772 1312">• You shared eating or drinking utensils<li data-bbox="771 1321 2047 1367">• They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you	

LENGTH OF QUARANTINE

In collaboration with Fulton County Board of Health, Health Services will advise on how long quarantines should last based on local conditions and needs.

School nurses will address individual student and staff exposure cases. **Whole class and Whole School exposures will be addressed by the Health Services Director.**

Students/Staff may return from quarantine:

- After day 10 without testing
- After day 7 after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later)
- After stopping quarantine, individuals should continue to watch for symptoms until 14 days after exposure.

ISOLATION

If a student or staff member tests positive, they must quarantine for ten days. They may return to school after:

- Ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared,

AND

- Three days have passed since the last fever without having taken fever-reducing medications,

AND

- Respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved.

CONTACT TRACING

We will continue to track COVID exposures through our self-report the following links:

- Student self-report form: <http://tinyAPS.com/?CovidStudentForm>
- Staff self-report form: <http://tinyAPS.com/?CovidStaffForm>

COVID Cases are tracked through collaborative efforts with School Nurses, Health Services, and Data Information Group to collect and report data

Contact investigation and case management will be conducted by the assigned nurse in collaboration with Health Services and Fulton County Board of Health who conduct actual contact tracing

CONTINUING STRATEGIES

Masks are required for all students and staff in the building during the school and workday, as well as all indoor after school activities, clubs and programs.

All staff and students will be subjected to a *temperature check* upon entering the school building daily.

Normal building capacity and usage will be resumed while *physical distancing is followed to the greatest extent possible.*

Standard *nightly cleaning will resume with fogging machines* and sanitizing of high touch common areas. Hand sanitizing stations will remain in place and stocked in common areas and classrooms.

CONTINUING STRATEGIES

Continue to stock schools with *PPE and medical supplies*. Nurse station located in the auditorium for *better air ventilation*.

Athletics will resume and adhere to mask wearing protocol. For indoor athletics, students and staff are required to wear a mask. For outdoor athletics, students and staff are not required to wear a mask.

Students must bring a *water bottle* to class.

From Disrupted Learning to SY 2021-2022

RECONNECT

- **Rebuild Classroom Community and Relationships**

ESTABLISH ROUTINE

- **Help students regain an academic mindset**

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

- **Incorporate SEL into classroom instruction**

BUILD ON NEW SKILLS

- **Incorporate new strategies from the past 18 months**

ACADEMIC BOOST

- **Focus on acceleration over remediation**