

# Turner County Schools

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## COVID-19 Guidelines

2023 - 2024

On May 5, 2023, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared an end to the global Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. President Biden signed legislation to end the national emergency for Covid-19 on May 11, 2023.

## Instructional Model Options

**Traditional Learning Learning Model:** For SY23-24, students will participate in a traditional face-to-face model

**Medical Virtual Learning Model:** For SY23-24, students with a medical excuse from a physician only - may be eligible to participate in a virtual learning model.

## CDC updated COVID Guidelines as of 5/11/2023

Regardless of vaccination status, you should isolate yourself from others when you have COVID-19. You should also isolate yourself if you are sick and suspect that you have COVID-19 but do not yet have test results. If your results are positive, follow the full isolation. These steps will help prevent the disease from spreading to others in your household and community. If your results are negative, you can end your isolation.

- If you test positive for COVID-19 (regardless of vaccination status) you must:
  - Stay home for at least 5 days and isolate yourself from others in your home, as much as possible. You are likely most infectious during the first 5 days. That is 5 days from the date symptoms first appeared or, if asymptomatic, the date of the positive test.
  - After 5 days, if you have no symptoms or your symptoms are improving and you have not had fever for more than 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, you may end isolation. If symptoms are not improving or fever has not resolved, you should continue isolating until these criteria are met.
    - You are fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication
    - Your symptoms are improving
  - After ending isolation, you should continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others for 5 more days.

### **Reminders:**

- If you are sick then please stay home, if you are not sick then come to school/work.
- These guidelines may not be appropriate for every circumstance or situation.

Every case will be reviewed by the administration and the appropriate action will be taken to keep our students and employees safe.

### **Hand Hygiene**

- Frequent hand washing will be encouraged and scheduled throughout the day.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- School employees will teach and reinforce healthy hygiene practices. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout each building and in each classroom.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own personal size hand sanitizer for use on the bus and throughout the school day.

### **Mask/Face Coverings**

- Masks are optional for students and adults on buses, in classrooms, and in school buildings

### **School Nutrition**

- The school nutrition program will return to normal operations
- School nutrition team will follow appropriate and enhanced safety guidelines when serving students.

### **Transportation**

- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected regularly
- Hand sanitizer will be available

### **More Information**

- Curriculum nights, Annual Title I information nights, and other school activities will be held face to face unless it is not safe to do so.
- All parent/guardian-teacher conferences including IEP, 504 & SST meetings will be held face to face unless it is not safe to do so in person.
- Georgia High School Association (GHSA) guidelines will be followed for school athletic events.

→ Please visit your student's school website, social media accounts and communication outlets as more information is released.

The Turner County School System will continue to monitor, assess, and evaluate how we can safely keep our schools open for in-person instruction and support. We will provide frequent updates to our families and community.

The Turner County School System maintains that traditional face-to-face instruction is the best platform for learning for all students.