



COVID-19 Protocols for Students for the 2023-2024 School Year

After reviewing the CDC Guidelines and speaking to health experts about COVID-19, we have put together the recommended COVID-19 protocols for the upcoming school year. The Baldwin County School District will continue to closely monitor COVID data and provide updates as needed.

- Following DPH and CDC guidelines, it is recommended that those who test positive for COVID-19 stay home 5 days and be fever-free for 24 hours with other symptoms improving before returning to school. The student is encouraged to wear a mask for 5 days after returning to school.
- Absences for students who test positive will be excused with a parent or doctor's note.
- Contact tracing is NOT required. Close contacts are NOT required to quarantine. However, absences for those who choose to quarantine following an exposure will be excused with a parent note.
- The wearing of masks by students during the school day is optional.
- Basic prevention measures should be followed to help prevent further spread of COVID-19 and mitigate outbreaks of infection - covering your coughs, sneezing into your elbow, throwing away used tissues, and washing your hands frequently with soap and water.

Vaccination remains the best protection against COVID and will help prevent serious complications and hospitalization if you do get sick. In general, the CDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older should be vaccinated for COVID. You can find specific information about vaccine recommendations by age by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>

It is important to stay informed about COVID but be sure you get your information from reliable sources such as DPH <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19>, the CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>, or your healthcare provider.