

## CORE Community School COVID-19 Plan

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### **Precautions to Minimize Community Transmission**

**Watch for Symptoms:** Anyone showing signs of illness of any kind or who may have been exposed to COVID-19 should not be on school grounds.

People with COVID-19 have a wide range of symptoms that range from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms typically appear between 2-14 days after exposure to the virus<sup>1</sup>.

People with the following symptoms may have COVID-19<sup>2</sup>:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. Please note that children may have *milder symptoms* than adults.

**Recognizing Possible Exposures:** An exposure is defined as having close contact with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 or who has a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Close contact includes:

- Living in the same household as a sick person with COVID-19
- Caring for a sick person with COVID-19
- Being within 6 feet of a sick person with COVID-19 for about 15 minutes
- Being in direct contact with secretions from a sick person with COVID-19 (e.g., being coughed on, kissing, sharing utensils, etc.).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

**Self-Monitoring for Symptoms of COVID-19:** Due to the extended incubation period, students and staff should self-monitor for symptoms daily for *14 days* after the last known exposure.

Self-monitoring includes:

- Check temperature twice a day
- Watch for fever, cough, or shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19 (see above)
- Avoid contact with people at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19

If you develop symptoms of COVID-19 (even if your symptoms are very mild), you must *stay at home* and away from other people.

Call 911 immediately if you believe you are experiencing a medical emergency. If it is not an emergency, but you are sick and require medical care, please contact your primary care doctor or an urgent care center.

If you are mildly ill and do not require medical care, you can get home quarantine advice and/or get COVID-19 testing information by calling your local health department.

County of Residence	Website	Patient Call Center
Cherokee	<a href="http://www.nghd.org">www.nghd.org</a>	1-888-881-1474
Forsyth	<a href="http://www.phdistrict2.org">www.phdistrict2.org</a>	770-535-5743
Fulton	<a href="http://www.fultoncountygahealth.org">www.fultoncountygahealth.org</a>	404-613-8150
Cobb	<a href="http://www.cobbanddouglaspublichealth.org">www.cobbanddouglaspublichealth.org</a>	770-514-2300

### **Precautions to Prevent Bringing Virus Into Building**

- Carpool Procedure:
  - No parents will enter the building
  - A CORE staff member will greet children outside as they arrive and take temperature with a touchless infrared thermometer. If a child has a temperature of 99 or higher, they will be sent home.
  - All students will sanitize hands at the hands-free sanitizer station located right inside the front door before heading to their classrooms.
  - If possible, the same person should drop off and pick up the child every day. Avoid designating those considered high risk<sup>3</sup> such as elderly grandparents.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/COVID19-What-You-Can-Do-High-Risk.pdf>

- Only children and staff required for daily operations will be allowed inside building and classrooms.
- No in-person admissions tours will be taking place during the school day.
- Door security system is being installed this summer. For students who arrive late, they will ring the bell and a staff member will buzz them in. A staff member will meet them downstairs to take temperature.
- Do not send your child to school if he/she has been in contact with anyone with symptoms
- All teachers/adults entering building will have temperature checked and follow same protocol as students.
- Hybrid approach will limit the amount of students/adults in building each day.

### **Precautions to Prevent Spreading the Virus Within the Building**

- All academic groups will be 8 students or less
- Students will remain with the same academic group throughout all academic and P.E. classes. Students will combine with students outside their academic group for Elective classes, but these classes will still be kept small.
- Community table seating options removed from classrooms – students will socially distance in classrooms, sitting on the floor or in chairs with lap desks.
- Outdoor learning spaces have been created outside of building and in back field, and will be used regularly for classes
- Lunch will be eaten outside with students socially distancing. If weather is bad, students will eat in classrooms in their academic groups.
- Students will be spread out in specific areas of the building for all indoor classes – certain spaces/rooms will be completely off limits for students.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be set up around the school for use during the day.
- We will provide each student with their own individual “supply box” to keep with them throughout the day – this will have their own set of pencils, scissors, etc. so that students do not have to share supplies.
- All teachers will dedicate time at the end of each class period to sanitize/wipe down/clean lap desks and any furniture.
- Any sensory play items (sand, play dough, etc) will be done individually – students will not share these items
- All adults/teachers will wear masks when indoors and whenever social distancing is not possible. Masks are optional for students.
- Nightly cleaning of entire building using EPA-registered disinfectant.
- Soft toys and other items that cannot be cleaned/disinfected will be removed
- Air-purifying plants located in all classrooms and throughout building.

### **Other Programmatic Adjustments**

- No intramural or interscholastic sports during the fall season
- No field trips (until further notice)
- All air ducts and carpets cleaned in the building during the summer

### **Protocol for Students/Teachers Exhibiting Symptoms or Diagnosed**

- Teachers will go home right away. Parent/guardian of student will be contacted immediately to pick up.
- Students will be quarantined in a designated space in the building with a staff member visually supervising from a distance until picked up.
- If anyone in our community is diagnosed with COVID-19, the entire community will be notified, and the diagnosed individual will not return to school until at least 3 days have passed since recovery AND 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. In the case of lab-confirmed, asymptomatic cases, the individual will not return to school until at least 10 days have passed since the positive test results.
- If someone in our community is diagnosed, any students or teachers who were within 6' of the individual for more than 15 minutes will also be asked to leave school and follow home quarantine protocol prior to returning to school.