

**Bryan County Schools  
COVID Guidelines  
2021-2022 School Year**

**Bryan County Schools Updated COVID Guidelines per amended Georgia  
Department of Public Health Administrative Order**

**Masks**

Masks remain optional; however, they are recommended for staff, students and visitors. Bryan County Schools may change the mask requirement at any time based on school system data and/or guidance from state and national health agencies.

**Students with COVID-19 (Regardless of vaccination status)**

Students who test positive for COVID-19 will continue to follow the Department of Public Health guidelines, which require individuals to stay home for at least 5 days since symptoms first appeared, be fever-free without use of fever-reducing medications for at least 24 hours, and have improved symptoms before returning to school. If symptoms are not improving or fever has not resolved, the person should stay in isolation until these criteria are met.

Students will be required to wear a well-fitting mask for an additional 5 days and must remain asymptomatic. Students unwilling to wear a mask for the remaining 5 days (Days 6-10) must remain in quarantine the full 10 days beginning the date symptoms first appeared.

Students who experience symptoms of COVID-19 shall follow the requirements for students with COVID-19 as stated above.

**Students Exposed to COVID-19 (Regardless of vaccination status)**

Students who remain asymptomatic after COVID-19 exposure do not need to quarantine. Parents should monitor students for symptoms (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell).

Students who experience symptoms of COVID-19 shall follow the requirements for students with COVID-19 as stated above.

It is recommended students wear a well-fitting mask at school for 10 days following exposure.

### **School Notification**

When Principals are informed of a positive case among students or staff, they will notify any affected staff and send notification to the parents of students. Parents will be reminded about the importance of monitoring their child for symptoms.

### **Absences**

Absences related to illness and/or quarantine will be excused. A note from a physician will not be required.

### **Mitigation Practices and Cleaning**

Protecting our students, teachers, and staff from infection is critical to ensuring instruction continues without interruption. Schools will continue to use physical distancing when possible and encourage proper hygiene practices, such as washing hands regularly and using hand sanitizer. Students and staff should self-monitor daily for COVID-19 symptoms. Bryan County Schools will continue to invest in increased cleaning and sanitizing applications at all school locations and on buses. These measures have made an improvement in overall student and staff health.

**Bryan County Schools COVID-19 Guidelines are completely dependent upon the impact of COVID-19 on our schools. These guidelines may be changed at any time.**