

# AUTAUGA COUNTY SCHOOLS

## COVID-19 PROTOCOL FOR STUDENTS

I. **Should a student of Autauga County Schools test positive for COVID-19, the following protocol will be followed according to the Alabama Department of Public Health's "Isolation and Quarantine Timeframes for COVID-19."**

A. **The ACBOE COVID-19 Notification Procedure Guidelines will be followed:**

- Principal and School Nurse is notified
- School Health Coordinator is notified (Mrs. Jeannie Coker, RN)
- Director of Student Services is notified (Mrs. Tisha Addison)
  - Alabama Department of Public Health is notified
- Superintendent (Mr. Spence Agee) is notified
- Director of Human Resources (Mrs. Nancy Jackson) is notified
- Coordinator of Operations (Mrs. Felissa Clemons) is notified
  - Transportation Supervisor (Mr. Neil Messick) is notified
  - School Janitorial Staff is notified

B. **In coordination with Alabama Department of Public Health, the school building where a COVID-19 case(s) is involved will be dismissed for 2 days:**

- Building will be cleaned and disinfected after the first 24 hours of the building shutting down
- All extracurricular group activities will be cancelled
- School-based afterschool programs will be cancelled
- All large events such as field trips, sporting events, assemblies, dances, and other social events will be cancelled

C. **Parents will be notified by Superintendent or designee:**

- School Messenger, websites, social media, and newsletters
- Confidentiality will be maintained for the students as required by the Americans with Disability Act and Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, and HIPPA

D. **Students who test positive will be excluded from school according to Alabama Department of Public Health Guidelines:**

1. **A student who has tested positive with symptoms may return to school building after:**
  - A **minimum** of 10 days has passed since the onset of symptoms

- In addition to the 10 days, at least 3 days (72 hours) of recovery time to be symptom free. "Recovery" is defined as resolution of COVID-19 symptoms
- Respiratory symptoms have improved. "Improvement" means that shortness of breath and cough have improved and noted as "mild" or "none"
- Documentation from a healthcare provider with return to school date may be required upon return to the school building

2. A student who has tested positive without symptoms may return to school or school building:

- After 10 days after first positive test date if person has remained asymptomatic
- Face covering must be worn for at least 3 days after isolation is discontinued
- A distance of 6 feet or more must be maintained from other persons
- If the student develops symptoms, then they must follow guidance for those who "test positive with symptoms"
- Documentation from a healthcare provider with return to school date may be required upon return to the school building

**\*\*\*Any person tested must isolate/quarantine until they have the final test results.**

**II. Should a student of Autauga County Schools become directly exposed to a positive COVID-19 person, the ADPH guidelines will be followed:**

**\*\*\*Prolonged Direct Exposure is defined as less than 6 feet contact for 15 minutes or more to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 up to two days prior to testing.**

A. Any student who has reported household and close contact with or without symptoms who test negative or has not tested negative will be directed to:

- **Quarantine** for 14 days and may be discontinued according to your health care provider recommendation
- **Pre-screen:** have temperature and symptoms checked daily at home before entering any ACBOE facility
- **Wear a mask:** use at all times
- **Social distance:** maintain 6 feet and social distancing as duties permit

- Practice good hygiene etiquette with proper hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes with elbows, keeping personal space clean and disinfected as needed
- Also, do not share headsets or phones; don't share food or drinks
- Self-monitor for fever, chills, muscle or body aches, headaches, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste and smell, fatigue, nausea, diarrhea, or vomiting
- If symptoms occur, call health care provider, obtain COVID-19 test, if indicated and isolate immediately. (See above Confirmed Case with Symptoms)
- If possible, stay away from people who are at high risk for getting very sick from COVID-19

**III. All of Autauga County Schools will follow ADPH guidelines for prevention methods in order to decrease the spread of COVID-19.**

- Teach and reinforce healthy hygiene
- Intensify cleaning and disinfecting heavily touched areas and environment
- Practice social distancing as well as use of personal protective equipment
- Wear face masks/facial coverings
- Wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer often
- Require sick students to stay home when sick until symptom free for 72 hours or until Healthcare Provider advises to return to school