**COVID-19 Screening**

**Students/Staff Response**

**District/School Response**

**Proceed to School/Work**

Implement recommendations outlined in “Georgia’s Path to Recovery for K-12 Schools”

**Can Return to School/Work after:**
- Impacted students or staff have completed all requirements in the DPH’s “Return to School Guidance”
- If this person is tested for COVID-19 during the 14 day quarantine period, a negative test result would not change or decrease the time a person is monitored, but a positive test would move the person into one of the below categories, based on whether they are still asymptomatic or have developed symptoms.

**Can Return to School/Work after:**
- At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath);
  - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

Refer to DPH’s “Return to School Guidance”

**Can Return to School/Work after:**
- At least 10 days have passed since the positive laboratory test and the person remains asymptomatic.
- Asymptomatic persons who test positive and later develop symptoms should follow the guidance for symptomatic persons below.

Refer to DPH’s “Return to School Guidance”

**Targeted Closure**

Close off affected areas (i.e. classrooms, offices, etc.) and if possible, wait 24 hours before deep cleaning and disinfecting

**Short-term Closure**

Close for facility-wide deep cleaning

**Long-term Closure**

Close building(s) for at least 14 days

**Implement Enhanced Mitigation Measures**

Implement recommendations outlined in “Georgia’s Path to Recovery for K-12 Schools”

**Diagnosis with Symptoms**

Laboratory-confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19

**Diagnosis, No Symptoms**

Laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19 but experiencing no symptoms (asymptomatic)

**Direct Exposure*, No Symptoms**

Came in close contact or interacted with a confirmed case of COVID-19 – experiencing no symptoms

**Direct Exposure*, At Least 1 Symptom**

Came in close contact or interacted with a confirmed case of COVID-19 – experiencing at least 1 symptom

*Direct exposure – students or staff who have been exposed to a person with known or suspected COVID-19 without appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). Cloth face coverings are not considered PPE.

DPH DOES NOT recommend using a test-based strategy for returning to school for children or adults (2 negative tests at least 24 hours apart) after COVID-19 infection.* CDC has reported prolonged PCR positive test results without evidence of infectiousness. Although persons may have PCR-positive tests for up to 6 weeks, it remains unknown whether these PCR-positive results represent the presence of infectious virus. At this time, PCR positive specimens capable of producing disease have not been isolated more than 9 days after onset of illness.

More information about the science behind the symptom-based strategy for discontinuing isolation can be found [here](#).