

FCS COVID-19 Diagnosis Policy

The following information should be used as a guide for when your student should return to school after testing positive for COVID-19.

If a student tests positive for COVID-19 or has symptoms compatible with COVID-19, they may not return to school until they have followed guidance provided by the CDC and Georgia Department of Public Health and/or the advisement of their personal healthcare provider*.

As of January 12, 2021, the CDC and Georgia DPH guidance for ending isolation is as follows:

COVID-19 with Symptoms:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared **AND**
- At least 24 hours have passed with no fever without fever-reducing medication **AND**
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 have improved. (Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.)

COVID-19 with No Symptoms (Asymptomatic):

- 10 days have passed since the date of the positive test.

If symptoms develop after testing positive, follow the guidance above for “COVID-19 with Symptoms”.

Retesting for COVID-19

If you have recovered from your symptoms after testing positive for COVID-19, you may continue to test positive for three months or more without being contagious to others. For this reason, you should only be retested if you develop new symptoms of possible COVID-19. Getting tested again should be discussed with your healthcare provider, especially if you have been in close contact with another person who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

**If instructions from a healthcare provider differ from the CDC and GPH guidance listed above, a note/excuse from the provider should be provided.*