

FCS COVID-19 Exposure Policy

The following information should be used as a guide to determine if/when your student should return to school after exposure to COVID-19.

According to the CDC and Georgia Department of Public Health (as of January 12, 2021), you generally need to be in close contact with a sick person to become infected.

“Close contact” includes:

- Living in the same household as an infected person and being unable to maintain 6 feet separation at all times;
- Caring for an infected person;
- Being within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period; OR,
- Being in direct contact with secretions from an infected person for any amount of time (e.g., being coughed on, sharing drinks/utensils, etc.).

If your student ***has not been*** in close contact as defined above and is showing zero symptoms, they may return to school.

If your student ***has been*** in close contact as defined above and has therefore been exposed to COVID-19, they should not return to school until they have completed a time of quarantine. Please refer to the chart below to determine the appropriate quarantine timeframe for your student:

