

Reopening Guidebook

Creating safe and healthy schools and district facilities for students and employees; and what happens when there is a COVID-19 diagnosis, exposure, or when someone is experiencing symptoms.



The Clarke County School District is monitoring up-to-date information, instructions, and best practices to provide the safest learning environment for all of our students and staff. This information is subject to change.



The Clarke County School District believes it is in our students' best interest to return in person to provide the highest level of academic and social support.

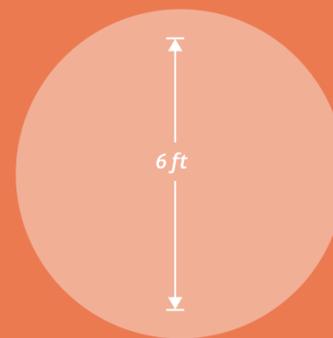
Using guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, Department of Public Health, Department of Early Care and Learning, and the Georgia Department of Education, the district has implemented safety measures including:



evaluation and increased maintenance of HVAC systems



enhanced cleaning procedures



social distancing expectations



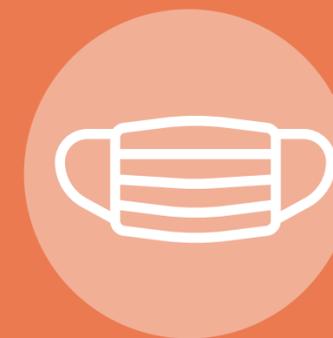
visual safety reminders



limited student transitions



PPE for staff/students



mandatory mask requirements



staffing full-time nurses in each school to monitor COVID-19 protocols



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Best Practices for Decreasing Risk



Do not come to school if you feel sick.



Wear a mask at all times when in a public space or in close contact with others.



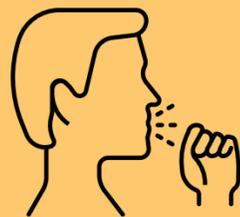
Wash your hands before and after contact with another individual, solid surface, you cough or sneeze.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.



Cover coughs and sneezes.



Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects.



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COVID-19 info from the
Centers for Disease Control](#)

Transporting Students

- ✓ Students should practice social distancing at bus stops.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer located on all buses. All buses cleaned after each route.
- ✓ All bus drivers/monitors will wear face masks and/or shields and gloves.
 - ✓ 48 students maximum on a bus.
 - ✓ Assigned seating/loading back to front
 - ✓ Students are required to wear masks on the bus.



Safe School Operations



Signage posted to promote social distancing and minimize exposure



Hand sanitizing stations in all schools



Increased cleaning and sanitizing of all buildings



Ventilation systems updated with increased monitoring



Water fountains turned off - students may use bottle refill stations

Safe School Operations



- ✓ Assigned and consistent seating arrangements in classrooms.
- ✓ No shared seating areas in classrooms.
- ✓ Limit use of shared classroom supplies, electronic devices, toys, books, games, and learning aids.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and shared materials between users.

Feeding Students



Breakfast - Food carts placed in common areas so students can “grab and go” and eat in their classroom.

Lunch - Students will go through the cafeteria line (social distanced), and eat in designated dining areas (based on the school).





Feeding Students

For those students learning virtually, meals are provided daily (“drive-thru”) at the following schools:

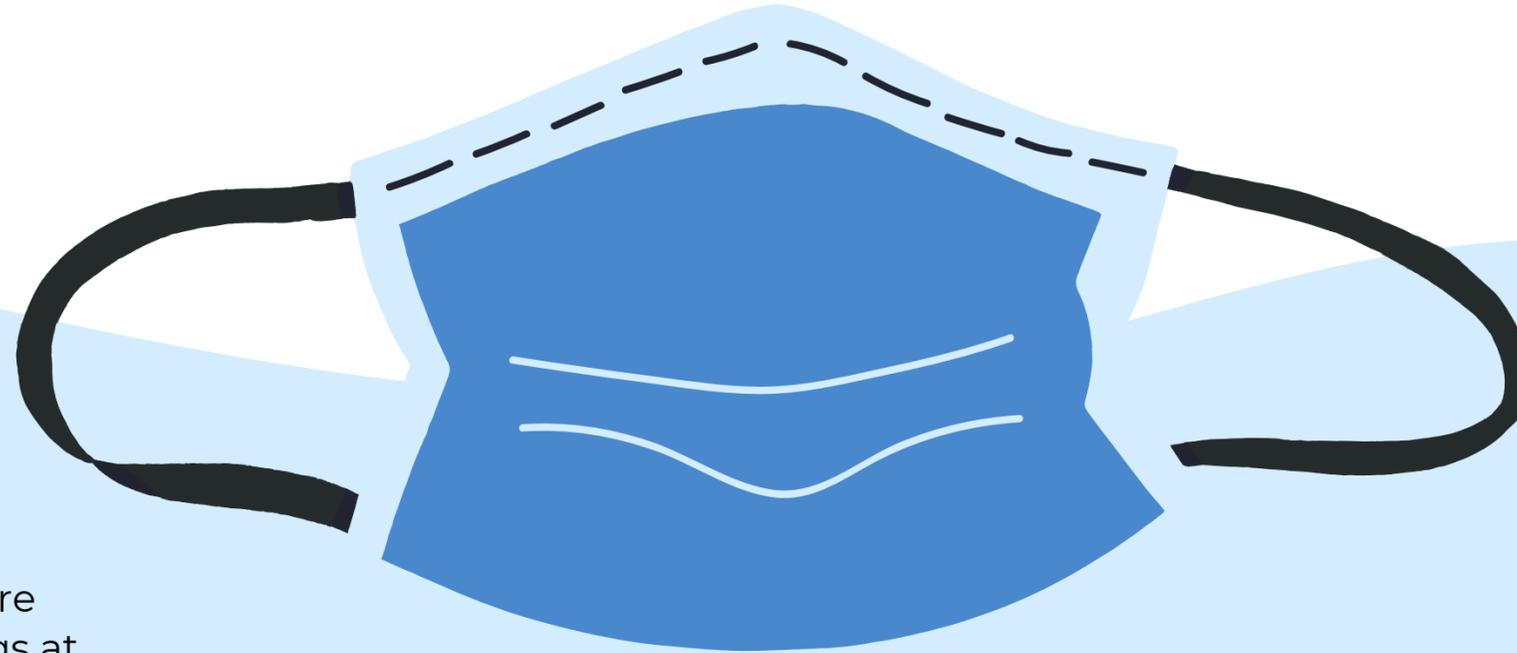
- Barnett Shoals Elementary
- Barrow Elementary
- Burney-Harris Lyons Middle
- Chase Street Elementary
- Clarke Middle
- Cleveland Road Elementary
- Fowler Drive Elementary
- Hilsman Middle
- Howard. B. Stroud Elementary
- J.J. Harris Elementary
- Oglethorpe Elementary
- Timothy Road Elementary
- Whit Davis Elementary
- Whitehead Road Elementary
- Winterville Elementary

Health & Safety Procedures

By continually practicing the following steps, we can create a safe return for students and staff and be Healthy and Every Day.



Healthy Every Day



Face Coverings

All faculty, staff, and students are required to wear facial coverings at all times when in close proximity to other people or traveling from one location to another location in buildings.



Physical Distancing

Students and staff will be encouraged to remain physically distanced from each other throughout the school day.



Personal Protective Equipment

Every school will have a PPE supply closet to be used as needed by students and staff.



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[Click to Watch Barrow Elementary Students Teach How to Properly Wash Your Hands](#)



Waiting Rooms/Schools

Each school will have a designated space for symptomatic individuals awaiting pick up.

COVID-19 Screening Protocols

Screening protocols will be in place for both staff and students to ensure that all individuals are safe to come to school.

Screening Symptoms for Students

Because younger children are more likely to exhibit COVID-19 symptoms, elementary school students will undergo temperature checks daily. Older individuals are more likely to have asymptomatic cases, so middle and high school students will not be screened daily.

Each school has a nurse on-site to screen students who are feeling ill. Randomized health screenings may be conducted during the school day, and any persons found to be exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home.

School-based telehealth visits are available for students with parental consent.

Students/staff exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms that aren't otherwise explained will be asked to go home and engage in a precautionary isolation. These individuals can return to work/school per DPH guidelines or with a physician's note stating their symptoms are due to a non-COVID illness.

Screening Symptoms for Staff

Staff are required to stay home when sick. If staff have signs and symptoms of COVID (fever, chills, shortness of breath, new cough, or loss of taste/smell) that cannot be otherwise explained, they are required to notify their supervisor and follow recommended DPH guidelines. Staff will have access to school-based telehealth visits and may visit the nurse's office if they feel ill or have questions.



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