

Clinch County School System

Close Contact

The Clinch County School System considers the health and well-being of our students, teachers, and staff to be of the utmost importance. On xxx, we were alerted to a student/teacher/staff member who was diagnosed with COVID-19. We have been working closely with local public health officials to ensure the proper recommendations are followed to isolate the student/teacher/staff diagnosed with COVID-19, identify close contacts, and clean and disinfect areas of the school building.

Your child was identified as a close contact to someone diagnosed with COVID-19.

A close contact includes being within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more.

For your child's safety and the safety of the public, the Georgia Department of Public Health requires that you actively monitor your child's health for COVID symptoms and keep him/her quarantined at home from 14 days from xxxx.

All close contacts are instructed to take the following steps during the quarantine period:

- 1. Quarantine.** Your child should quarantine, except in case of emergency or to be tested for COVID-19. He/she should not attend school, extracurricular activities, or public activities during this time.
- 2. Check for temperature and symptoms.** Twice a day check your child's temperature and assess him/her for the below COVID-19 symptoms using the following checklist:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Sore throat
 - Fatigue
- 3. Alert the school.** Alert the school IMMEDIATELY if your child develops COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19. Additional contact tracing may need to be done.
- 4. Consider contacting your medical doctor or health department for more information.**

Please review the following guidance documents from the Georgia Department of Public Health for additional quarantine recommendations:

Quarantine Guidance (<https://dph.georgia.gov/contact>)

Return to School Guidance (<https://dph.georgia.gov/document/document/return-school-guidance/download>)

Clinch County School System and Department of Public Health will continue to work together to monitor the situation. If you have any questions, please contact the school, your doctor, or your health department.