

# GADSDEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

## COVID Safety Protocols

The following administrative procedures are in place to assist with mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and its variants.

### **District Employees**

- All district employees are required to wear face coverings while indoors.
- All district employees are required to report positive COVID test results and/or exposures to positive COVID cases to their immediate supervisor.
- Large group face-to-face meetings are discouraged.
- Face-to-face contact among staff for more than 15 minutes is discouraged.
- Every effort is made to ensure teacher desks/workstations are six feet away from all students.
- Teachers are encouraged to limit their interactions with individual students to less than 15 minutes and always with a face covering when in close proximity.
- Faculty that are sick are asked to stay home.

### **Students and Visitors**

- All students are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings while indoors.
- Parents and other school visitors are required to wear face coverings while indoors.
- Students exhibiting COVID like symptoms or a temperature equal to or greater than 100.4°F are taken to an established waiting room for parent/guardian pickup.
- Students that are sick are asked to stay home.
- The District provides free face-coverings to individuals who do not have them.
- There is an assigned seating chart for each classroom and students are required to sit in their assigned seat each class period.

### **General Safety Precautions**

- Custodial staff is required to sanitize every room that is exposed to people.
- COVID-safe water fountains are located on all school campuses.
- Hand sanitizer is located in each classroom and strategically placed in common areas.
- Temperature checkpoints are established within all school settings.

### **Health Department**

- COVID testing is administered by the Health Department at 278 LaSalle Leffall Drive in Quincy.
- COVID vaccinations may be received at the Health Department at 278 LaSalle Leffall Drive in Quincy.
- COVID testing and vaccinations of minors require parent permission.
- The Health Department or a medical doctor makes decisions regarding quarantine.

Gadsden County School District employees do not make quarantine decisions.

Information regarding positive COVID cases in the District may be found on the COVID-19 Dashboard on the District's website (<http://www.gadsdenschools.org/?DivisionID=24438> ).