

Echols County School System

Date:

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Echols County School System considers the health and well-being of our students, teachers, and staff to be of the utmost importance. It is with that in mind that this letter is being sent home for your information. On , we were alerted to a student/teacher/staff member who tested positive for COVID-19 in one of your child's classes or on the bus. 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.

At this time, your child has NOT been identified as a close contact and does NOT need to quarantine at home.

Although your child was **NOT** identified as a close contact and does not need to quarantine at home, please continue to monitor your child's health daily for fever and symptoms of respiratory illness.

Consider the following Georgia Department of Public Health recommendations:

1. Daily, assess your child for the below COVID-19 symptoms **PRIOR TO SENDING HIM/HER TO SCHOOL or the SCHOOL BUS** using the following checklist:

<input type="checkbox"/> Fever or chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Headache
<input type="checkbox"/> Cough	<input type="checkbox"/> New loss of taste or smell
<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat
<input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue	<input type="checkbox"/> Congestion or runny nose
<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle or body aches	<input type="checkbox"/> Nausea or vomiting

2. If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms, please keep him or her out of school and group activities, such as sports or play groups, and contact your child's healthcare provider as soon as possible. Tell him or her that a COVID-19 case was identified in your child's school. The Department of Public Health recommends that laboratory testing be obtained on all suspect COVID-19 cases.

3. Alert the school **IMMEDIATELY**, if your child develops COVID-19 symptoms **OR** has direct contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case.

4. Talk to your child about COVID-19 and remind him/her to adhere to social distancing guidance.

Echols County Schools and Echols County Health Department will continue to work together to monitor the situation. If you have any questions, please call the school (229.559.5413) or the health department (229.559.5103).

Sincerely,

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Superintendent