



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure your student(s) can achieve their highest potential.

There are countless benefits that students gain from in-person learning and we need your help to ensure that all students and staff members remain safe and healthy. Safely returning to in-person instruction this fall is a top priority of the Office of Education.

South Atlantic Conference schools will follow a student health screening protocol as classes resume. If you have made the decision that your child will return for in-person learning, we strongly encourage you to get into the habit of daily screening your student(s) for health symptoms.

The attached guidance was adapted from the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) School Protocol and the SAC Medical Advisory. The protocol discusses steps to follow as you screen your student(s) prior to coming to the school campus and what to do if you, your child, or other member of your household contracts COVID-19.

Please remember to keep your student(s) home and notify your student's school principal, teacher, or school nurse if your child:

- Has had any close contact in the last 14 days with someone with a diagnosis of COVID-19.
- Has taken a COVID-19 test and is awaiting results based on potential exposure to a known case or other high-risk exposure.
- Has taken a COVID-19 test and is awaiting results based on mild symptoms or overall feeling unwell.

Thank you for taking the necessary steps to help ensure that all students and staff members at South Atlantic Conference Schools remain safe and healthy, by God's grace . . . Amen.

*The Office of Education*



## Resuming In-Person Learning

In-person learning brings countless benefits to students. Safely returning to in-person instruction is the South Atlantic Conference Office of Education’s top priority. To do so safely, please follow the steps below to screen your student(s) for health symptoms.

### STEP 1

#### Ask the Screening Questions

##### Question 1

Has your child had any signs or symptoms of a fever in the past 24 hours such as chills, sweats, or an elevated temperature of 100.4F or greater?

##### Question 2

Has your child taken fever-reducing medication within the last 24 hours?

##### Question 3

Has your child experienced any of the following symptoms:

- New cough
- Shortness of breath
- Chest tightness
- Loss of taste/smell
- Nasal congestion
- Chills/sweats
- Body aches
- Runny nose
- Diarrhea
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Sore throat

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, **STOP!**

The CDC and SAC Medical Advisory advise that you **keep your child at home.**

**Immediately** contact your child’s health care provider for next steps.

### STEP 2

#### Keep Your Student at Home If Your Child . . .

Has had any close contact in the last 14 days with someone with a diagnosis of COVID-19.

Has taken a COVID-19 test and is awaiting results based on mild symptoms or overall feeling unwell.

Has taken a COVID-19 test and is awaiting results based on potential exposure to a known case or other high-risk exposure.

**Notify your student’s school principal, teacher, or school nurse.**

### STEP 3

#### What To Do If Your Student is Diagnosed with COVID-19

##### ISOLATION GUIDANCE

You **ISOLATE** (separate from others; stay in a specific “sick room” or area) when you have been infected with the virus. If your child is diagnosed with COVID-19, please notify your child’s school and the school nurse. Your child will NOT be able to attend school or school activities in-person until the recommended isolation period has been completed. The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) requires isolation for individuals diagnosed with COVID-19.

##### QUARANTINE GUIDANCE

You **QUARANTINE** when you might have been exposed to the virus. If your child has been around a person who has been confirmed as having COVID-19, you must follow quarantine guidance from public health officials. CDC recommends a quarantine timeframe of 14 days for anyone who has been in close contact with persons who have tested positive for COVID-19. During the quarantine period, your child will NOT be able to attend school or school activities in-person until the recommended quarantine period has been completed.

**For more detailed information about isolation and quarantine, visit [CDC | Isolation and Quarantine](#).**