



Baconton Community Charter School

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Dear Parent,

As we have monitored our Covid data during the first six weeks of school, we can say with confidence that our student-to-student spread is minimal. Over 800 students have missed school due to quarantine since we have started school. To our knowledge, less than .04% of these students tested positive while at home from a school exposure. This tells us that our mitigation strategies are working. Based on the updated Georgia Department of Public Health (GaDPH) guidelines for quarantine procedures, and effective immediately, BCCS will implement the following:

Baconton Community Charter School will NO LONGER require quarantine for in-school direct contact of students or staff who are asymptomatic (no symptoms) contingent upon their agreement to wear a mask throughout the 10-day quarantine period and to monitor their symptoms daily. Again, those with in-school, direct contact can return to school only if they agree and comply with the wearing of a mask and daily monitoring of symptoms.

We know that an in-person learning option is the most effective and safest learning environment we can provide. Additionally, when students are in school, parents and guardians can continue to work. We owe it to our community stakeholders to provide in-person learning, not only for our students' benefit, but also for the benefit of our community as a whole.

Quarantine Policy for Baconton Community Charter School as of September 24, 2021

(Quarantine guidelines are contingent upon **where** an individual was exposed.)

- Students who are directly exposed while **in the school setting** will not be required to quarantine at home.
 - Parents will still be contacted and ***given a choice***
 - Choice A: Student may attend school if:
 - They remain symptom free.
 - They comply with wearing their mask properly*.
 - Choice B: Student may quarantine at home following home-quarantine procedures.
- Students who are exposed **outside of school** must follow the full quarantine guidelines:
 - Notify the school.
 - Quarantine at home for 10 days or quarantine at home for 5 days, take PCR test on day 6 or later, and return with negative results.
- Students who test positive **must quarantine at home for 10 days.**
- Students who live in the home with a student who has tested positive must quarantine for 10 days.
- Vaccinated students who are exposed outside of school may follow the in-school policy.
- Students who have had Covid within the last 90 days may follow the in-school policy.
- The nursing staff and administrative team reserves the right to mandate at-home quarantine for unprecedented situations if needed to protect the health of our faculty and students.

***Exposed students who do not comply with wearing their mask properly will be sent to ISS and then home to quarantine.**

Thank you for your support during these tough times as we continue to seek ways to best serve both our students and community,

Lynn Pinson