

# ATHENS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*“Building Foundations for Future Success.”*

CRAIG STAGE, SUPERINTENDENT

JENNILEE SHORES, INTERIM BUSINESS MANAGER

Wildcat Students and Parents,

We are returning to class tomorrow, Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. While we were all hoping for an end to the pandemic, it’s obvious that COVID-19 is having a significant impact on our community and schools. We need to partner more than ever to make sure we are able to keep our schools open for in-person learning.

The AASD Health and Safety plan follows the CDC recommendations for Isolation/Quarantining for COVID-19 positive individuals and all identified close contacts. On Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the CDC updated those guidelines, see the bottom of this letter for that updated guidance.

I urge families to keep their child(ren) at home when they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. I also implore families to not send their children to school if an individual in the household is COVID-19 positive, exhibiting symptoms and was exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual, or awaiting a COVID-19 test result. If our school buildings reach a COVID-19 case count of 5% within a school building, we may be required to close our schools and move to remote learning for a period of time. If you have questions about whether you should send your child to school, please call your buildings principal.

Sincerely,

Craig Stage  
Superintendent  
Athens Area School District

Updated AASD Isolation/Quarantine Guide – 01/03/2022

**NOTE: Mask wearing at AASD is voluntary and recommended**

Masks are still required on buses and any school transportation

IF	THEN		
<p><b>Test Positive For COVID-19</b></p>	<p>Isolate for 5-10 days</p>	<p>* Isolation may end after 5 days if you have no symptoms or symptoms are resolving</p> <p>* Mandatory masking until day 10</p> <p>* If fever continues after day 5, remain in isolation until fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication`</p>	<p><b>NOTE:</b></p> <p>Isolation may end after day 5 and you may return on day 6 as long as you are symptom-free or the symptoms are resolving with no fever for at least 24 hours without medication</p> <p>If you are unable or unwilling to wear a mask you must complete the 10-day isolation.</p>
<p><b>Close Contact</b>  <i>Closer than 3-6 feet for greater than 15 minutes</i>  <i>3 feet when one or both are masked</i>  <i>6 feet for all other scenarios</i></p> <p>You are fully vaccinated if you are:</p> <p>Boosted</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines within the last 6 months</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Have received the J&amp;J vaccine within the last 2 months.</p> <p>*We will only ask for proof of vaccination if this scenario applies to you or your child.</p>	<p>* Do not need to quarantine if masked for 10 days</p> <p>* Test on day 5, if possible</p> <p>If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home</p>	<p>* 10 days starts at last contact</p> <p>* Test should be 5 or more days after exposure</p> <p>* Monitor for symptoms</p>	<p><b>NOTE:</b></p> <p>If you are unable or unwilling to wear a mask, you must complete the 10-day Quarantine at home or test on day 5 and return with a negative test on day 8.</p> <p>At home tests are not accepted, must be a COVID-19 test administered by a health care institution</p>
<p><b>Close Contact</b>  <i>Closer than 3-6 feet for greater than 15 minutes</i>  <i>3 feet when one or both are masked</i>  <i>6 feet for all other scenarios</i></p> <p>If you:</p> <p>Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine <b>over</b> 6 months ago and are not boosted</p> <p>OR</p>	<p>* Quarantine for 5 days, return on day. 6 and wear a mask for days 6-10</p> <p>* Test on day 5, if possible</p> <p>If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home</p>	<p>* The Last contact is day 0</p> <p>* Monitor for Symptoms</p>	<p><b>NOTE:</b></p> <p>If you are unable or unwilling to wear a mask, you must complete the 10-day Quarantine at home or test on day 5 and return with a negative test on day 8.</p> <p>At home tests are not accepted, must be a COVID-19 test administered by a health care institution</p>

<p>Completed the primary series of J&amp;J <b>over</b> 2 months ago and are not boosted</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Are unvaccinated</p>			
<p><b>Household Close Contact</b> (unable to isolate from person in same household)</p>	<p>* Quarantine 10 days (5 days of positive individual PLUS 5 days to make sure the close contact does not develop symptoms)</p>	<p>* Symptom/Test date is day 0 * Quarantine 10 days *Return day 11</p>	