



ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL PROTOCOL FOR ISOLATION & QUARANTINE
DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Please read thoroughly to protect yourself, your child(ren) and the Odyssey Charter School community.

To obtain required isolation/quarantine dates, please contact the school clinic @ 770-251-6111, ext. 121.

The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) recommends a time-based return to school strategy that is determined based on a person's health status. The isolation and quarantine guidelines were updated by the CDC and GA Dept. of Public Health on 12/28/21. **All individuals must meet the guidelines below in order to return to school when dismissed by the school clinic for COVID-like symptoms, have a known exposure to COVID, or test positive for COVID.**

1. Symptomatic persons with confirmed COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19 can return to school after:
 1. At least **5 days** have passed since symptoms first appeared. Strict mask use must be adhered to for an additional 5 days after return to school (mask must be worn at all times except while eating lunch)
AND
 2. At least **24 hours** have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications (Tylenol/ Motrin) and improvement in symptoms (cough, congestion, shortness of breath, etc.);
OR
Your medical provider has cleared the individual for return to school with a negative COVID-19 test, differential diagnosis, and date eligible to return to school. **Must provide school with copy of the negative COVID test result and physician signed clearance to return to school (must state date eligible to return to the classroom).**

2. Asymptomatic persons with confirmed COVID-19 can return to school after:
 1. At least **5 days** have passed since the positive laboratory OR rapid test and the person remains asymptomatic. Strict mask use must be adhered to for an additional 5 days after return to school (mask must be worn at all times except while eating lunch)
 2. Asymptomatic persons who test positive and later develop symptoms should follow the guidance for symptomatic persons listed above.

3. Asymptomatic persons who have a known exposure to a person with COVID-19 can return to school after quarantine which includes:
 1. **Option 1:** Test out of quarantine after 5 full days have passed since the most recent exposure and fulfill **all THREE of the following criteria:**
 - a. Remain asymptomatic **AND**
 - b. Are tested for COVID-19 on day 5 of quarantine **AND**
 - c. Receive negative results and submit a copy of those results to the school on return date

 2. **Option 2:** If unable to be tested, may discontinue quarantine after day 5 if asymptomatic. Strict mask use must be adhered to for an additional 5 days after return to school (mask must be worn at all times except while eating lunch)

4. Individuals who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if exposed, but testing is recommended 5 days after exposure. If you become symptomatic, you will be required to quarantine as stated above.
1. If you have been boosted
OR
Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months
OR
Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months
 - Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
 - Test on day 5, if possible.

 2. If you completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted
OR
Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted
 - Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
 - Test on day 5, if possible.

Full quarantine guidance can be found here: <https://dph.georgia.gov/contact>

Please attempt to isolate any COVID+ family member from other family members living in the household (use separate bedroom and separate bathroom if available). Contact the school registrar if you have questions regarding absences associated with isolation and quarantine.

Any student/staff member that has potential exposure in the school setting will be notified via letter.

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