

# 2021-2022 OCA Guidelines for COVID-19

*These guidelines are subject to change at any point in response to changes in the COVID-19 pandemic or legislative action.*

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## **EMPLOYEES & STUDENTS WHO ARE SYMPTOMATIC**

Any employee or student who has symptoms of COVID-19 MUST remain at home and not go into the Oconee Christian Academy school building until one of the following is accomplished:

- A five-day quarantine with symptoms resolved.
- A negative COVID-19 test result
- A statement on letterhead or prescription pad stating the student/employee has a diagnosis other than COVID-19 and may return to school.
- A positive antibody test within 14 days

## **ISOLATION**

- For anyone testing POSITIVE for COVID-19, the isolation period has been reduced from 10 days to 5 days, if there are no symptoms or symptoms have improved. ***DHEC recommends masks to be worn during days 6 through 10 when they return to school and normal activities.***
- A parent note confirming that symptoms have improved and there has been no fever in the past 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication must be provided by the student.
- If you still have symptoms after isolating for five days, stay home until you feel better. Make sure you notify the school.

## **QUARANTINE**

In order to exempt quarantine, you must provide one of the following:

- Proof of a positive COVID-19 result within 90-days of being exposed.
- Proof of completed COVID-19 vaccination series (as recommended by DHEC).
- Proof of positive antibodies collected within the prior 14 days of being exposed.

***“Fully Vaccinated” according to DHEC (as of 1/3/2022) is defined as an individual who has completed their primary series, and ideally have had a booster shot if eligible.***

**If an individual is unable or chooses not to provide one of the above exemptions:**

Quarantine can end after **Day 5** if a viral test is negative **AND** if no symptoms were reported during daily symptom monitoring.

- The viral test must be collected no sooner than Day 4, and quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than completion of Day 5.
- A mask **is to be** worn days 6 through 10 per DHEC.

## **HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS**

If a student is a household contact to a positive COVID-19 case, and cannot separate from the positive case, and does not meet the listed exemptions, the student must quarantine for 10 days.

If a student can separate from the COVID-19 case, the student can test at day 5 and return with a negative test result.

## **AT HOME TESTING**

OCA will not accept any testing result from an At-Home testing kit. We will accept rapid and PCR tests from a professional business/facility where those giving the test and interpreting the test results have been trained by professional staff.