

Quarantining of Students and Staff

Quarantining of Healthy Students

Students who are quarantined due to exposure of a close contact who has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus yet are still healthy and currently not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should continue to engage in school. **Healthy quarantined students will be assigned a virtual teacher-coach of the day and given two time-certain meeting times along with a Google Meet code. Students will log in virtually for attendance and academic support purposes.** Students from across the district will be assigned a virtual teacher-coach of the day by level. Pre-K–Grade 2 students will be assigned a primary virtual teacher-coach while Grade 3-5 students will receive information to log in with an intermediate teacher-coach. Similarly, the middle and high school students will be assigned to either a middle or high school virtual teacher-coach based on student level.

All quarantined students will continue to have access to their Brightspace learning environment where they will find assignment(s) or alternative assignment(s) provided by their grade level or discipline-based course teacher(s). These students will not receive synchronous teaching while quarantined, but they will have access to the assigned virtual coach for academic support. Healthy students should bring these assignments to their time-certain virtual meetings with their virtual teacher-coach to ask any questions

Timeline for Academic Support: Due to the many different organizations who are involved in the quarantine process, there is a window of 12-72 hours from the time you are notified to quarantine your student until you receive information from AACPS *Team Academics* providing you directions for how your student will receive academic support. **Please note:** If you have been quarantined by the Anne Arundel County Health Department, your doctor, or a health clinic or hospital, please **call your school as soon as possible** to notify the nurse or main office that your student has been quarantined. This will expedite the process for your student to receive academic support.

they may have or seek support for anything they do not understand. All healthy quarantined students who fully participate in their learning by logging into their assigned Google Meet session with their assigned virtual teacher-coach and who submit their work via Brightspace daily will be marked *present-quarantined* for each day they are quarantined at home away from in-person learning at school. Healthy students who are quarantined and do not participate in the virtual teacher-coach office hours and do not submit their work will be marked *absent-quarantined* for the day.

NOTE: Middle and high school students who are quarantined will also be encouraged to avail themselves of the AACPS evening tutoring available Sunday through Thursday each week beginning mid-September. [www.aacps.org/tutoring]



Quarantining of Students who test positive for COVID-19

Students who test positive for COVID-19 and feel unwell (symptomatic) will be quarantined at home and they will not be expected to complete schoolwork while ill. They will be afforded the opportunities to make up the schoolwork they missed due to their illness after returning to school. They will be able to access Brightspace in the case where they wish to collect their schoolwork while at home. These students will be marked *absent-quarantined* for each day they are quarantined at home away from in-person learning at school.

Students who test positive for COVID-19 but shows no signs of the virus (asymptomatic) will be quarantined at home. *These students will have access to the same virtual teacher-coach working with the healthy quarantined students.* This support will allow them to continue with their studies while away from school. To access support, students will have to use assigned Google Meet codes. However, since these students have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, they may choose to rest and make up their missed schoolwork after returning to school following their quarantined period. These students will be marked *absent-quarantined* for each day they are quarantined at home away from in-person learning at school.

NOTE: The health of our students is our priority. We want students to remain at home when they are sick or feeling ill. As such, *perfect attendance* will not be recognized this year. We will revisit honoring *perfect attendance* for students beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.

School meals, benefits applications

School breakfast and lunch will continue to be free for all students in the 2021-2022 school year. The Division of Food and Nutrition services will make arrangements for families of students who are quarantined to pick up meals for that student. Families who have that need should call 410-222-5900.

While meals are free, it is still necessary for families who would qualify for free or reduced-price meals to fill out a meal benefit application form. An accurate collection of data related to students eligible for free and reduced-price meals is critical to school system funding, but it also opens opportunities for families to receive additional benefits such as discounted internet access; reductions in SAT, ACT and Advanced Placement exam fees; and discounts on fees related to college applications.

Quarantining of Healthy Teachers

Similarly, quarantined teachers who are sent home due to exposure to someone with COVID-19, will be expected to teach their classes virtually from home. A substitute teacher will be hired to monitor the classroom where the students are learning, but the teacher of record will be synchronously teaching the students virtually. Students in classrooms where their healthy teacher is quarantined will participate in their classes via their Chromebooks. They will receive and submit their assignments via Brightspace. This will be a synchronous virtual teaching and learning format where all students will be present in the classroom and the teacher will be facilitating all learning virtually from home via their AACPS laptop computer.

Quarantining of Teachers who test positive for COVID-19

Teachers who are ill due to COVID-19 virus (symptomatic) will be quarantined at home and they will not be expected to work. They will follow the most up to date memo from Human Resources regarding sick leave. When a teacher is quarantined, they should contact Human Resources with any questions or concerns. Expectations for substitute plans will follow the negotiated agreement.