



International Charter Academy of Georgia Principal's News

Mission

The mission of ICAGeorgia is to broaden the horizons of students in Georgia to a diverse international community so that they may become global citizens who promote peace around the world.

Principal's Message

August 20, 2021

COVID-19 Positive Case Reporting and Quarantine Procedures for the ICAGeorgia Community

Greetings ICAGeorgia Parents and Partners in Education,

Over the past three weeks, we experienced some confusion in the process of implementing / communicating potential and real COVID protocols. I wanted to address this head on and move forward by offering you solutions and display how we will report to you with transparency.

Starting on Monday parents and partners will be able to view current cases online, report COVID-19 cases or potential exposures, view protocols, and view the In-person School Policy. This information will be updated daily and be available on the website and accessible on the parent bulletin. ICAGeorgia has been working with the Georgia Department of Public Health to begin Covid-19 testing here at the school, information is forthcoming regarding your optional participation in the program.

ICAGeorgia adheres to the following protocol regarding COVID-19 positive case reporting and quarantine procedures. We are committed to maintaining the health and well-being of our students, staff, and families by complying with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Georgia Department of Public Health (GDPH) as well as other local, state, federal agencies to make sure we have the most up-to-date information.

Daily COVID-19 Health & Safety Precautions

1. Daily temperature checks before students exit vehicles.
2. Mask wearing is mandatory for ICAGeorgia students, staff, and visitors and must be worn at all times, except during lunch.
3. Students and staff should continue to keep a physical (social) distance 3-6 feet between themselves and others to the extent possible.
4. Staff and students should wash their hands frequently and cover their mouth/nose when coughing and/or sneezing
5. High touch areas and personal workspaces should be cleaned and disinfected frequently.
6. ICAGeorgia will limit non-essential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations with people who are not fully vaccinated.

ICAGeorgia will continue to reference the CDC website for ongoing information regarding COVID-19.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

COVID-19 Reporting

All ICAGeorgia staff and Students are required to report (1) a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 (2) a pending COVID-19 test result (regardless of the reason for the testing) and (3) a direct contact with a person who is COVID-19 positive.

- ICAGeorgia employees and students must notify school officials in writing immediately to make the above COVID-19 report.
- To report each case please, complete the online survey and email reportcovie19@internationalcharteracademy.org
- Reporting staff and students must wait for further guidance from the ICAGeorgia's Principal and School Nurse after submitting a report; do not report to the school if you have tested positive.
- Employees and visitors are not to report to the school if they feel ill or have symptoms related to COVID-19.
- ICAGeorgia's school nurse will investigate all reports in consultation with public health officials. Staff and students are required to cooperate with the Georgia Department of Public Health and the school nurse and respond truthfully to all questions.

ICAGeorgia Covid-19 Protocol

In an effort to maintain students' education, ICAGeorgia has created a step-by step protocol to address the needs of a positive confirmed case or a potential exposure case.

In the event a confirmed COVID-19 case of a student is in the school, the following steps will be implemented immediately:

1. Remove the student from in-person learning and contact parents
2. Remove the students who were within 6 feet of the confirmed case and contact their parents to be sent home, these students are considered close contacts. (The remaining students may continue with regular classroom instruction)
3. Remove siblings of positive confirmed cases. Siblings should quarantine and follow #2 procedure below.
4. Inform parents of that grade level only about the steps that were taken
5. Contact any service providers (After-school, Day Care Centers) regarding the student who was positive if they were in attendance

In the event of close contacts (within 6 feet), the following steps will be implemented:

1. Remove only the student from in-person learning and contact parents
2. Close contacts who are asymptomatic can return to school after following one of the 3 options:
 - a. The safest option is to quarantine for 14 days
 - b. Test out of quarantine after 7 full days have passed since the most recent exposure, if they fulfill all THREE of the following criteria:
 - i. Remained asymptomatic AND
 - ii. Are tested for COVID-19 (PCR or antigen) on or after day 5 of quarantine, AND
 - iii. Receive a negative test
 - c. If unable to be tested, discontinue quarantine after day 10 if they remain asymptomatic.
3. Contact any service providers (After-school, Day Care Centers) regarding the student who was positive if they were in attendance

Healthy siblings of close contacts may continue to attend their regular in-person instruction and will be monitored for symptoms.