

## Reconnect Hall August 2021

### Guidelines for Opening Schools Effective August 2021

*Please contact school staff for school-specific questions related to these guidelines.*

#### **School Transportation**

- Face coverings will be optional for all drivers and students.
- Hand sanitizer will be available to all riders.
- Whenever possible, windows will be rolled down to increase ventilation.
- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly in between routes.

#### **Masks**

- Face coverings will be optional for all Hall County Employees and students on all Hall County School District properties.

#### **Student and Staff Health**

- All students and staff will be encouraged to self-screen prior to reporting to school facilities. Individuals who present with fever and/or other symptoms of COVID-19 will be provided a surgical mask and will be evaluated by the school nurse. Staff members will be asked to return home; students will be placed in a designated waiting room, under supervision, until a parent arrives to pick them up from school.
- All students and staff must stay home if they have COVID-19 symptoms or test positive for COVID-19. Positive cases should be reported to the school principal or school nurse who will explain next steps.
- The school district will conduct contact tracing to the best of its abilities. Individuals who are direct contacts/exposures to positive cases of COVID-19 will receive notification.
- School and/or classroom closures due to COVID-19 will be determined after conferring with the Health Department and the State Department of Education. Parents will be notified as soon as possible, through the system's messaging service, with regard to closures.

#### **School Operations**

- The district will implement and encourage simple but effective mitigation strategies: handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, wiping down high touch surfaces, etc.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all buildings. All staff and students are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer when possible.
- Water fountains will be turned off, but water fill stations will be available. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school.
- Social distancing practices will be followed to the greatest extent possible in the classroom and in other common areas.
- International field trips have been suspended until further notice.
- Guidance from the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) will be followed for school athletics/activities.

#### **Cleaning Procedures**

- Cleaning will take place before, during, and after the instructional day.
- In the event of a positive case of COVID-19, a thorough cleaning and disinfecting of the areas affected (bus, classrooms, restroom, hallway, etc.) will be conducted prior to the return of students and staff.
- HVAC systems will be monitored to ensure proper airflow and ventilation.

For more information about the return to school, please visit the **Reconnect Hall** webpage at  
<https://www.hallco.org/web/reconnect-hall/>