



COVID-19 COMMUNIQUE

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Countdown to Fall Semester!

GLOBE is so excited to welcome everyone back to school on **August 4th**! Our team at Emory is in consistent communication with GLOBE leadership to plan for the upcoming Fall semester. In this newsletter, you will learn about expected plans for the Fall semester, receive updates on GLOBE's COVID-19 Data Dashboard, and learn more about the difference between quarantine and isolation.



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COVID-19 Community Update

COVID-19 **Cases** in DeKalb County*

Updated 7/23/21 from [GDPH](#)

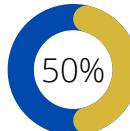
Cases* 764

Cases per 100k* 96

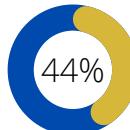
*within the last 14 days

COVID-19 **Vaccination** Rates in DeKalb County

Updated 7/26/21 from [GDPH](#)



50% of DeKalb County residents are partially vaccinated



44% of DeKalb County residents are fully vaccinated

FALL SEMESTER UPDATES

UNIVERSAL MASKING

Dekalb County School Board has mandated a universal mask policy for all students, faculty, and staff. Therefore, *all members of The GLOBE Academy will be required to practice correct and consistent mask usage while on campus.* More about the School Board policy can be found [here](#).

VISITOR POLICY

The GLOBE Academy will continue to limit nonessential visitors and volunteers on campus. All essential visitors must wear a properly fitting mask at all times. Opportunities for virtual engagement in classroom activities will still occur throughout the semester.

K-5 HOMEROOMS

Homeroom classes for grades K-5 will not mix while indoors. Limiting the number of students each child is in close contact with will decrease the risk of COVID-19 transmission in school, and will allow for timely and efficient contact tracing should a COVID-19 case arise on campus.

CONNECTIONS

All GLOBE students will attend Connections this semester. To minimize the likelihood of transmission, each student will wash their hands before and after attending Connections, and the use of shared objects will be limited.

MEALTIME

K-5 students will eat snack and lunch in their individual classrooms, or outside when feasible. Teachers will encourage minimal talking while the students are eating and their masks are off. Students in grades 6-8 will eat inside the lunchroom at distanced and assigned seats. They will also have the option to eat outside should they choose. All lunchrooms will be supervised by a GLOBE staff/faculty member. Students in grades 6-8 will be strongly encouraged only to remove their masks when eating and put them back on when talking. Aftercare will aim to separate students from different classrooms when eating snacks as well.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

A GLOBE staff member will monitor the pickup/drop-off area to prevent congregating and ensure that each student arrives with a properly fitting mask. Students arriving without a properly fitting mask will be provided with one. **If families choose to carpool, all vehicle occupants should wear masks while riding in the car together.**

TO BE DISCONTINUED

Routine surveys and temperature checks have not been found to be effective for limiting the transmission of COVID-19, and these procedures greatly slow down the drop-off process. For these reasons, daily parent surveys will no longer be completed upon arrival to campus. However, **students, faculty, and staff must continue to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 infection each day before arriving to campus.**

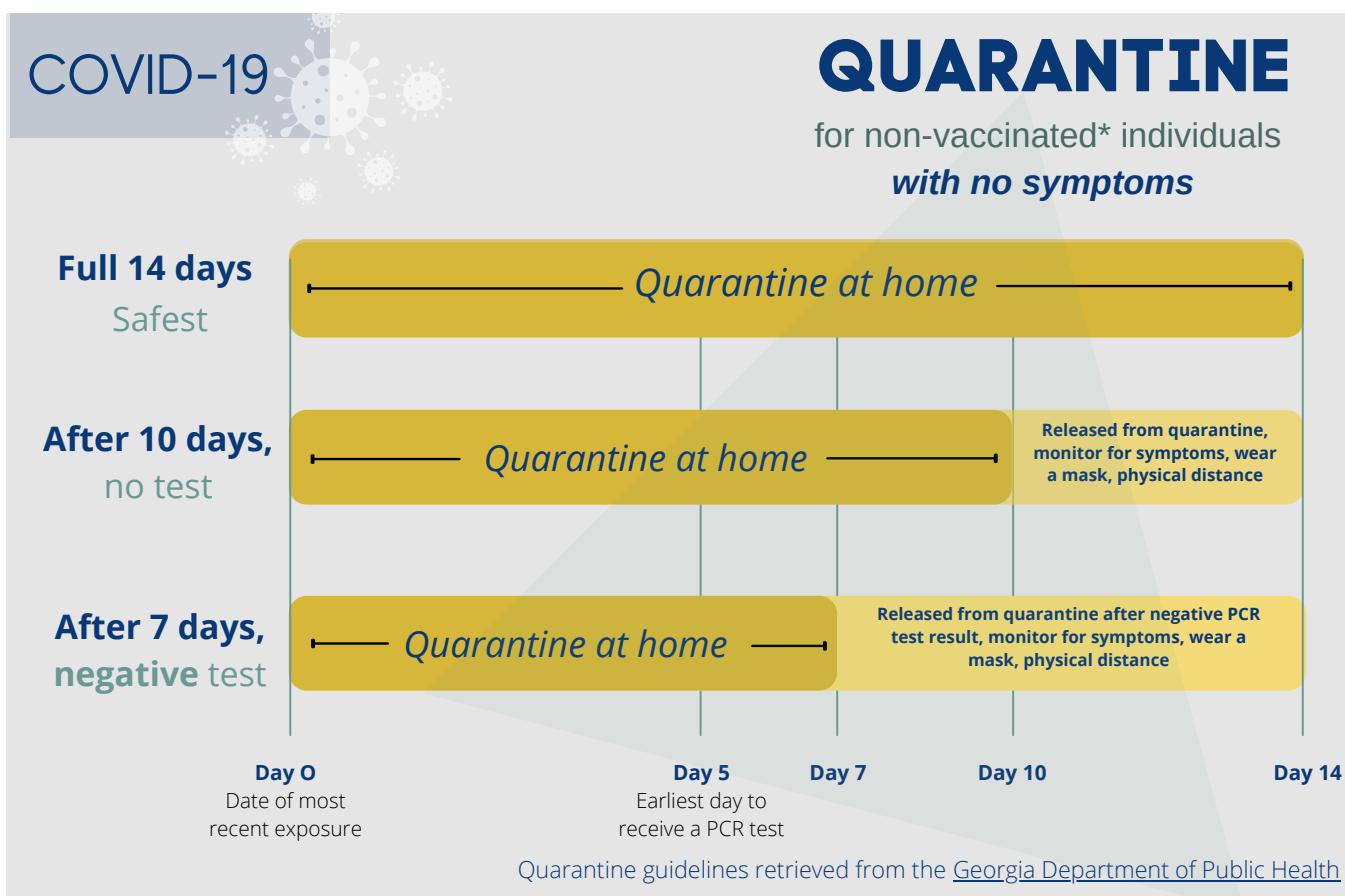


QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS

Various protocols have been put in place in the event of a COVID-19 case at GLOBE. As in the spring, contact tracing of all close contacts will begin immediately. Families will be notified via email if their child is identified as a close contact to the positive individual. If the exposed person is fully vaccinated, they may continue to attend school *as long as they continue to self monitor and remain asymptomatic*. If they begin to develop symptoms of COVID-19 infection, they must follow the quarantine protocols listed below.

If the exposed person is not fully vaccinated and is asymptomatic, the CDC recommends they quarantine at home for 14 days after the initial exposure, or follow the additional options listed below. If a small number of students are in quarantine, they will be provided with a printed packet of material to continue engaging with instructional material. If an entire class must quarantine, GLOBE will distribute necessary equipment to allow instruction to continue virtually.

If a GLOBE student or employee tests positive for COVID-19, they must isolate at home while their infection persists. Additional details, timelines, and scenarios will be available for consultation in the new Opening Playbook.



*Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine if they remain asymptomatic. They should still follow basic prevention measures such as masking, hand washing, and physical distancing.

Quarantine

VS

Isolation

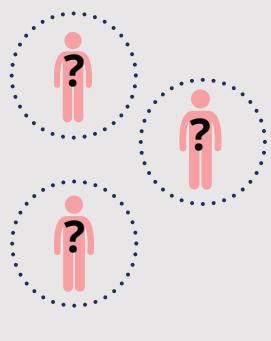
It is important to understand the difference between quarantine and isolation so you know what to do in each scenario.

- **Quarantine** separates **individuals who were exposed to SARS-CoV-2** from those who are healthy and have not been exposed. Individuals in quarantine are not confirmed positive cases (yet), but they are still at risk of transmitting the virus. Therefore, until it is confirmed that they are not positive for COVID-19 they should stay home and keep away from others.
- **Isolation** separates **individuals who have tested positive** for COVID-19 from those who are healthy and have not been exposed.

Both prevention measures exist to limit the spread of COVID-19 and keep the community safe.

Quarantine

Exposed



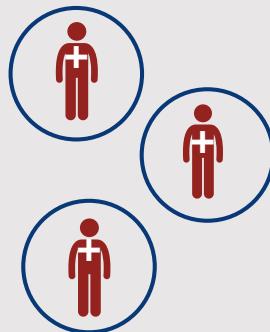
Healthy



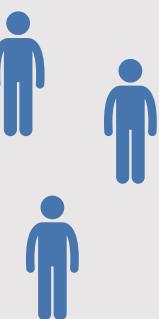
Quarantine keeps someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others.

Isolation

Positive



Healthy



Isolation keeps someone who is infected with the virus away from others, even inside their home.

Quarantine Scenarios at GLOBE

If the individual is...

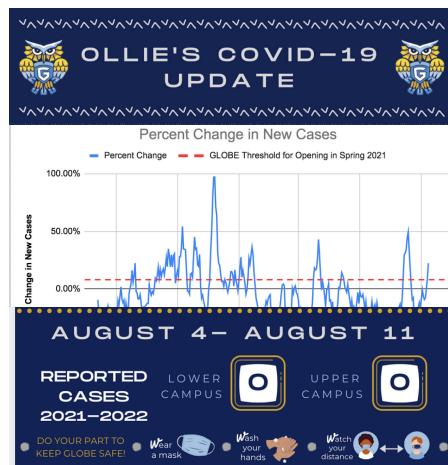
| | Vaccinated | Unvaccinated |
|---|---|---|
| Exposed Without Symptoms |  School |  Quarantine |
| Exposed WITH Symptoms |  Quarantine |  Quarantine |
| Positive With or Without Symptoms |  Isolation |  Isolation |

GLOBE COVID-19 Data Dashboard



GLOBE'S COVID-19 DATA DASHBOARD IS BACK!!

Did you miss the COVID-19 Data Dashboard from last semester? Well, good news--**the Dashboard is back!** Similar to last year, we will be updating GLOBE's Data Dashboard each week. The dashboard will contain the number of reported COVID-19 cases on GLOBE's campus, as well as a handful of community indicators. It is important for us to keep an eye on the community indicators to monitor the likelihood of experiencing a COVID-19 case at GLOBE. Head over to the [Data Dashboard](#) and check it out!



Although COVID-19 cases are at a lower level than they were in the spring, we are starting to see an increase due to circulation of the Delta variant. Now is the time to tighten back up on our prevention measures to keep our community safe (when in doubt - wear a mask!).

OLLIE'S RE-MIND-ERS



Wondering how you can help your kids get back into the school mindset? Check out these fun audiobooks for different levels of readers!

K-1st: [Chester's Way](#)

2nd-3rd: [A Bad Case of the Stripes](#)

3rd-4th: [Catching the Moon](#)

GLOBAL GOOD NEWS

Team USA won their first Olympic Medals in swimming last week. Fun Fact: **Team USA swimmer Andrew Wilson is an Emory alum ('17C)**! He competed in the mens 100M breaststroke final on July 25th. Way to represent Emory, Andrew!

Let's be in touch!



If you have COVID-19 related* questions or concerns that you would like to be addressed in a future newsletter, please send an email to health@theglobeacademy.net.

*Due to the nature of this partnership, we will only be able to respond to emails directly related to COVID-19 in the community. Any other school-related concerns will be directed to the appropriate GLOBE staff member.