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**CIVIC-ING SAFELY**

MITIGATING THE RISK OF COVID-19  
IN VOTING & SCHOOLING

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## Voting Safely

### Fulton County has invested to make it safe and easy to vote.

- Voting by mail is the safest, no-contact way to vote
- Now have more, larger locations that support social distancing and reduce crowds.
- All poll workers will wear masks and we strongly encourage voters to wear masks as well.
- Voters will be provided a stylus that will be sanitized between voters.

### Register To Vote & Confirm Your Status

- **Register to Vote by December 7th** - Online, the Georgia Voter Registration deadline for the runoff Senate race is December 7. By mail, the envelope must be postmarked by December 7.
- **Register to Vote if You Turn 18 by Jan. 5th** - Residents who were not old enough to vote in the November election but will turn 18 by Jan. 5 can register to vote in the runoff elections
- **Update Your Registration** – even if you are a registered voter, update your registration if you have moved. You can update your voter registration online <https://registertovote.sos.ga.gov/GAOLVR/welcome.do#no-back-button>

### Absentee Ballots/ Vote-By-Mail

- **Vote by Mail.** Many nonprofits have mailed paper absentee ballot applications. If a voter wishes to use this they can upload it, mail it, fax it or email it, or return via absentee ballot dropbox [www.fultoncountyga.gov/absenteeballot](http://www.fultoncountyga.gov/absenteeballot)
- **Request your ballot online by December 22.** The Secretary of State has a new tool to allow voters to request their ballot online: <https://ballotrequest.sos.ga.gov/>. The Postal Service encourages voters to request their absentee ballot 2 weeks before Election Day, January 5 – or by December 22 – to ensure it is delivered on time.
- **Voters can also upload a paper application** online or mail it in.
- [Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes](#) are a safe way to make sure your ballot gets returned on time.

### Early Voting

- [Early Voting](#) starts **December 14** -and will run thru January 1. See site for hours and locations.
- “**Mega**” voting locations like **State Farm Arena** (open December 14-19) and the Mercedes-Benz Center (open December 22-30) make social distancing easier

### Election Day

- January 5 is the last day to vote in the Georgia U.S. Senate runoff elections. Polls close at 7pm EST at [your allotted polling location](#).

### Schooling Safely

#### Mitigation Measures For Schools

- Promote preventative resources and mitigation programs that help address both operational issues and student/staff services
  - Both [Atlanta Public Schools](#) and [Fulton County schools](#) promotes and delivers health services addressing the coronavirus throughout the year and
- To make decisions about school reopenings and get an understanding of how to move forward safely, monitor local reports of COVID-19 outbreaks in both schools and your community.
  - Every week, [Fulton County schools](#) will post a one-week snapshot of COVID-19 cases in Fulton County schools, listing how many have tested positive in each school and how many are in quarantine.
  - [Fulton County lists the level of risk](#) in both your immediate and school area

#### Implement strategies across 4 key areas to reduce the spread of COVID-19

- Continuing to publicly promote personal prevention habits will help mitigate and slow the spread of COVID-19.
- Maintain healthy school environments
  - Ensure proper ventilation
  - Provide cleaning and disinfecting equipment to staff members
- Maintain health operations so that both students and staff members can physically distance themselves from one another
- Make a plan for when a student or staff member gets sick with COVID-19

### *Parental Responsibilities*

#### Assess the risk and benefits of attending both in-person and virtual learning environments.

- People of any age, including children, with certain underlying medical conditions are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- Weigh the relative health risks from in-person instruction against the educational, social, behavioral and emotional risks of providing no in-person instruction
- Does the child have an underlying medical condition that increases the risk for severe illness from COVID-19
- Does the child live with someone who is an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19
- Is the level of community spread in your area high

#### **Review and assess your child's school safety plan to reduce risk**

- Contact a Fulton County or Atlanta Schools administrator if you are unsure of any items regarding your school's plan
- Fulton County provides [important messages, news releases](#) about the presences of COVID-19 in the district
- Every week, Fulton County schools will post a one-week snapshot of COVID-19 cases in Fulton County schools, listing how many have tested positive in each school and how many are in quarantine. <https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/20960>
- [Fulton County lists the level of risk](#) in both your immediate and school area

#### **Virtual Options**

- To access devices and hotspots that connect students to the Universal Remote Learning Program, contact Fulton County schools <https://www.fultonschools.org/backtoschool>
- [Xfinity hotspots](#) are available throughout the County, helping connect students to the internet.
- For families who are eligible for public-assistance programs such as the National School Lunch Program, Housing Assistance, Medicaid, SNAP or SSI, Comcast is offering [FREE in-home internet access for 60 days + discounted rates](#)
- Hubs that support hotspot distribution, device swaps and power cord needs can be located at Banneker High School, Taylor Road Middle School and Ridgeview Middle School. For more information call the Hotline (407-254-2300)

### ***Additional Resources***

#### **School Opening/Closure Decision Matrices**

[Fulton County Schools Closing Matrix](#)

[Fulton County Schools Reopening Matrix](#)

#### **Additional Resources**

[Fulton County Schools](#)

[Fulton Virtual School](#)

[Fulton County Schools Parent Resources](#)

[Fulton County Student Health Services](#)

[Fulton County Schools: Covid-19 Report By School](#)

[Fulton Co. School Nutrition FoodStop](#)

[Fulton County Program for the Education of Children and Youth in Transition](#)

[Fulton County Universal Remote Learning](#)

[Atlanta Public Schools](#)

[Atlanta Public Schools Homeless Education Program](#)

[Get our Kids Connected](#)

[Adult Education Center](#)

[Atlanta Public Schools COVID-19 Related Updates](#)