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## **Viral Solutions partners with Atlanta Public Schools to perform rapid COVID-19 antigen testing and surveillance**

Partnership intended to limit the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the APS population during efforts to reopen schools for face-to-face learning

**January 27, 2021 (Atlanta)** — As part of Atlanta Public School’s Return + Learn initiative, Viral Solutions has been chosen to spearhead the effort to perform rapid COVID-19 antigen testing and surveillance across the entire 55,000-student school system. This program begins roll out Friday, January 29.

Teachers and support staff will also have the opportunity to be tested weekly in efforts to help limit the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Atlanta Public Schools (APS) population.

“We are proud to partner with Atlanta Public Schools to bring rapid, reliable COVID-19 testing and surveillance to the community,” says Viral Solutions co-founder and CEO, Ben Lefkove, MD. “We are prepared to help APS get through this pandemic, and help the families involved in the school system stay safe and thrive.”

Viral Solutions offers no appointment needed, no out-of-pocket cost, all insurance accepted, drive-through COVID-19 testing at nine sites in the Atlanta metro area. Patients are evaluated in real time by on-site Viral Solutions Physicians and Physician Assistants. Viral Solutions is the largest and most efficient COVID-19 testing provider in Georgia. Learn more at [ViralSolutionsGA.com](http://ViralSolutionsGA.com).

Atlanta Public Schools is run by the Atlanta Board of Education and led by superintendent Dr. Lisa Herring. The system has an active enrollment of 55,000 students, attending a total of 103 school sites: 50 elementary schools, 15 middle schools, 21 high schools, four single-gender academies and 13 charter schools.

“As the largest provider of COVID-19 testing in Georgia, we are eager to bring our testing and surveillance model to a community that is near and dear to us,” says Viral Solutions co-founder and President, Ron Sanders, PA-C. “We are delivering first-class testing to the heart of the Atlanta community. It’s initiatives like this that drive us to do more and get better each day.”

### **About Viral Solutions**

Viral Solutions was founded by an Atlanta-based Emergency Physician and Physician Assistant to help find a way to resolve the current COVID-19 PCR testing crisis in Georgia. Patients are evaluated in real time by a local team of Viral Solutions Physicians and Physician Assistants. Viral Solutions believes every person should have immediate access to the best COVID-19 testing available. No patient should wait to get a COVID-19 test. All patients—including the uninsured—should have easy access to COVID-19 testing, and that’s what Viral Solutions provides.

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