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RE: School Fire Drill COVID-19 Staff Only

In an effort to help school districts prioritize the health and safety of students and staff as they open school buildings during the COVID-19 pandemic, the following directive is hereby issued.

All schools that are currently operating without students in the building are required to complete one fire drill within the first 30 days of school in addition to the Statewide Fire Drill on October 7, 2020 for the Fall semester of school. When reporting this drill in the School Fire Drill reporting system, please use the note section to indicate that your school is operating without students in the building to explain why your school is not conducting drills as required.

Schools that have students in the building and schools that bring students back into the building must conduct all drills in accordance with IFC 408.3.1 and NFPA Life Safety Code 11-7-1, 14.7.2 per Georgia Rule 120-3-3.04. For further recommendations and best practices for conducting drills during COVID-19 pandemic, please see the Directive that was sent out by our office on July 8, 2020. If you have not received this Directive, please contact Amanda Ghorley using the contact information below.

Depending on the future of the crisis, additional directives in regards to Fire Drills for the Winter Semester will be provided.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Fire and Life Safety Educator Amanda Ghorley at aghorley@oci.ga.gov or (470)725-5722.

Sincerely,

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