

- ▶ The goal of the updated “Learning by Design” plan is to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 so that school buildings will remain open and students will continue to learn in person five days a week.

Levels of COVID-19 Community Spread

For 2021-2022, the Douglas County School System will recognize three levels of community spread of COVID-19 in Douglas County. These levels will guide our mask protocol. Data is obtained from Georgia Department of Public Health (dph.georgia.gov).

Low Spread

50 or fewer cases per 100,000 (last 2 weeks)
AND
Positive rate of 0-2%
Schools open 5 days a week

Face Covering Optional in Buildings and on Buses

Moderate Spread

51-99 cases per 100,000 (last 2 weeks)
AND
Positive rate of 2-4.9%
Schools open 5 days a week

Face Covering Recommended in Buildings and on Buses

High Spread

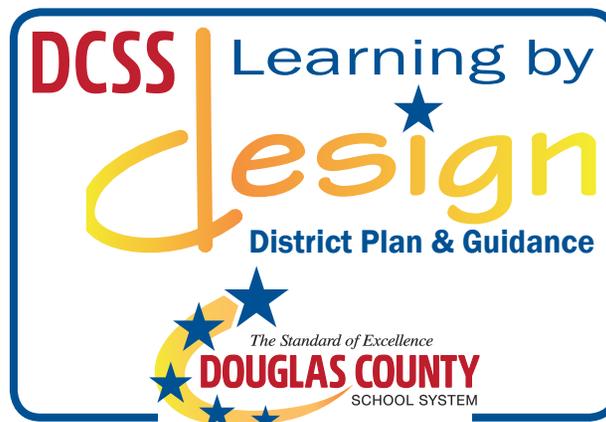
100+ cases per 100,000 (last 2 weeks)
AND
Positive rate of 5% or more
Schools open 5 days a week

Face Covering Required in Buildings and on Buses*

*Face covering must be worn over nose and mouth

PLEASE NOTE:

If, at any time, the number of staff members who are quarantined makes it impossible to conduct class in person or transport students to school, we may move a class, grade level, or school to digital learning for a limited time.



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Learning Plan & Safety Guidance

The following will be implemented for all levels of spread as long as COVID-19 is a concern in our community.

ACADEMICS

Traditional learning in person five days a week
Online options: FLEX Academy and FLEX Live-Online (FLEX programs have a defined enrollment window.)

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Students and staff should physically distance themselves when possible.

CLEANING

High touch areas will be cleaned throughout the day. Areas will be fogged in the event of COVID-19 cases.

OTHER PREVENTION STRATEGIES

Students and staff should:

- remain home if experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms
- practice good hand hygiene by washing hands frequently and/or using hand sanitizer often
- cover coughs and sneezes
- not share eating utensils
- not drink after others
- bring a water bottle to refill at the water stations

REPORTING PROCEDURES

Parents, guardians and staff must report all pending or positive tests, direct contacts or COVID-19 symptoms to a school administrator. Schools will notify families of exposure to COVID-19. Students and staff will be notified by phone if they are a direct contact to an individual who has tested positive. Students and staff who are indirect contacts will receive a low risk letter. Direct contacts are defined as:

In school

- someone who was not properly wearing a mask and was within 6 feet for 15 consecutive minutes or more of a person who tests positive for COVID-19

Out of school

- someone who resides in the home with someone who tests positive for COVID-19
- someone who was within 6 feet for 15 consecutive minutes or more of a person who tests positive for COVID-19

QUARANTINE

Unvaccinated students and staff who are in direct contact with someone who has tested positive must quarantine for 10 days. On day 5 or later, direct contacts with no symptoms may take a PCR or antigen test (not an antibody or home test) and, with a negative result, return to school or work on day 8.

Vaccinated students and staff who are in direct contact with someone who has tested positive do not have to quarantine if they are asymptomatic.

ISOLATION

Students and staff who test positive must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms or a positive test for COVID-19. All individuals with a pending test should isolate at home pending results.

VACCINE GUIDANCE

The COVID-19 vaccine is strongly encouraged for all eligible individuals.

TESTING

Students and staff in need of COVID-19 testing may contact Cobb & Douglas Public Health or their healthcare provider.