

► 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 within our schools. These levels will guide our mask protocol. Data is obtained from the number of positive cases reported by schools each week.

Low Spread

Positive rate of 0 - 2%
Schools open 5 days a week

Face Covering Optional in Buildings and Required on Buses*

Moderate Spread

Positive rate of 2 - 4.9%
Schools open 5 days a week

Face Covering Recommended in Buildings and Required on Buses*

High Spread

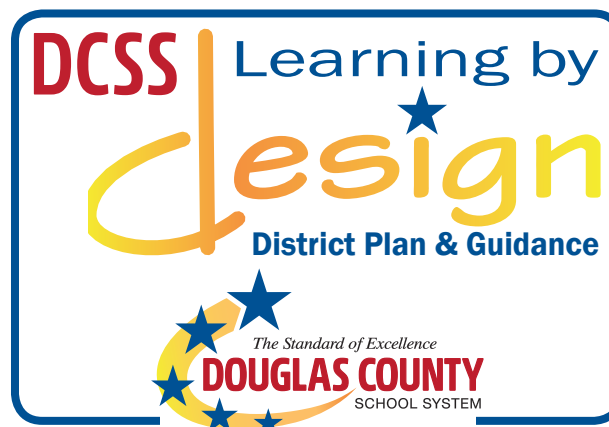
Positive rate of 5% or more
Schools open 5 days a week

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.



School Year
2021 - 2022

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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

Individuals unvaccinated, or became fully vaccinated more than 6 months ago (Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or more than 2 months ago (J&J vaccine) and have not received a booster, must quarantine for 5 days. After that, a mask is required for 5 additional days.

Individuals vaccinated, within the last 6 months (Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or within the last 2 months (J&J vaccine), who are in direct contact with someone who has tested positive do not have to quarantine if they are asymptomatic. They should wear a mask around others for 10 days.

ISOLATION

Students and staff who test positive must isolate for 5 days from the start of symptoms or a positive test for COVID-19. After 5 days continue to wear a mask for 5 additional days. All individuals with a pending test, due to suspected COVID-19, 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.