

- ▶ 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](http://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

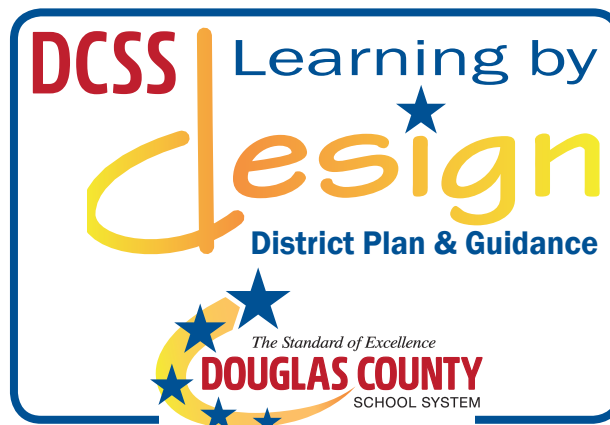
100+ cases per 100,000  
(last 2 weeks)  
AND  
Positive rate of 5% or more  
Schools open 5 days a week

#### 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 members 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 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 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.