

INTRO 2021-22 School Year

We are back to a regular schedule - Everyday, 5 days a week! See the 2021-22 Calendar here.

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT JEFF WALLACE

At Davie County Schools, we are committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all students, while giving every child the experiences they need to succeed and grow as individuals. The pandemic has thrown us all a few curve balls. As a district, we are determined to lead our children in a way that celebrates our collective resilience, and embraces the unity we have experienced, as we continue to navigate these challenges together. Together we are stronger, and together we can rise above.

As we look forward to getting back to the classroom this fall, I can assure you that our leadership team is working hard to prepare for a successful year. We will continue to closely monitor the pandemic, with the help from professionals in our community. Our goal is to keep all students in classrooms safely, while providing the academic development and the social and emotional support they need.

We continue to pray for the safety and wellbeing of our entire DCS family and wish you much success as we enter a new school year.

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MASKS + SOCIAL DISTANCING

IN SCHOOLS

According to recommendations in the NC Safe Schools Toolkit, all elementary and middle schools should wear a mask. In addition, when all students are wearing their masks consistently, they do not have to be excluded from school if they were exposed to a COVID-positive person. See the StrongSchoolsNCToolkit for more.

- Masks must be worn properly by all students and staff for the start of the school year. This is in place to reduce quarantines and keep students in school.
- Students will be spaced three feet apart to the greatest extent possible, but not when such distance would prevent all students from attending school in-person five days per week.
- Three foot markers will be placed in various locations to remind everyone to stay three feet apart to the greatest extent possible while indoors.
- DCS will continue to choose physical education activities that limit frequent and close contact between students.
- Activities will take place outdoors as much as possible.

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BUSES + TRANSPORTATION

- By Federal order, all individuals MUST wear masks on DCS or DCS contracted transportation.
- Masks should be worn for the entire bus ride since social distancing is no longer possible.
- Students will have assigned seats in order to aid in contact tracing, if necessary.
- Students no longer need an attestation form.



SCHOOL BUILDINGS + CLEANING

- DCS will continue to provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors.
- If there has been a sick person or someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 24 hours, DCS will clean and disinfect the space using an EPA approved disinfectant for SARS-CoV2.
- Schools, classrooms and buses will be cleaned AND disinfected daily on frequently touched surfaces. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, seats, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- DCS will provide hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol) at every building entrance and exit, in the cafeteria, and in every classroom, for safe use by staff and older students.
- Lunch will be eaten in classrooms. Self-service food and beverage distribution is discontinued in the cafeteria, as is mass gatherings that cannot support social distancing. Meals will be served directly to students and taken back to their classrooms to maintain contact with a consistent group of students
- Daily symptom screenings are not required.
 - All individuals who have symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care. Staying home when sick is essential to keeping infections out of schools.
- Individuals who display symptoms while at school will be removed, sent for potential COVID-19 screening, and may be sent home.
- Individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 must also stay home until authorized to return.

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"Exposure" means being within six feet of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes over a 24 hour period.

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QUARANTINE PROTOCOL

 Students and staff must quarantine for 14 days if exposed to someone who tests positive. The one exposed may return to school after 10 days, as long as they are not symptomatic.

Must quarantine

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as long as the individual has no symptoms.

IF/THEN

- **IF** the individual who is exposed is vaccinated, **THEN** they do not have to guarantine unless they are symptomatic.
- IF a staff member or student says they are vaccinated,
 THEN a school nurses is able to verify vaccination status.
- **IF** one of two students test positive and both have been consistently masked, **THEN** the one exposed does not have to quarantine.
- IF a teacher or student tests positive and both have been consistently masked, THEN the student exposed does not have to quarantine, but the teacher is required to quarantine.
- **IF** one of two students tests positive and the one exposed has been vaccinated, **THEN** the one exposed does not have to quarantine.
- **IF** a teacher or student tests positive and the one exposed is vaccinated, **THEN** the one exposed does not have to quarantine.



QUARANTINE PROTOCOL



If one tests positive, both must quarantine.



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If one tests positive, only the positive individual must quarantine.

are directives from state and local health departments.

The only exception to these is if a student is vaccinated, then they will not have to quarantine if exposed. See the IF/THEN statements on page 4. The quarantine guidelines

not directly from Davie County Schools.

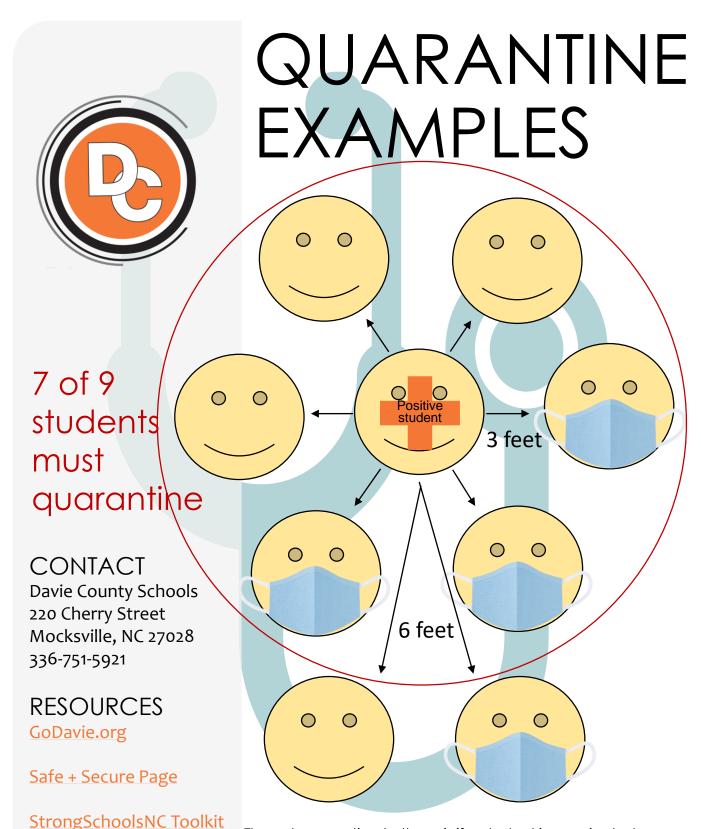
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QUARANTINE EXAMPLES

4 of 9 students must quarantine

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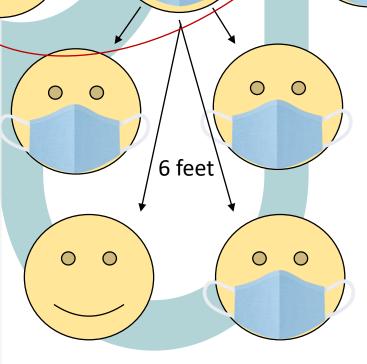
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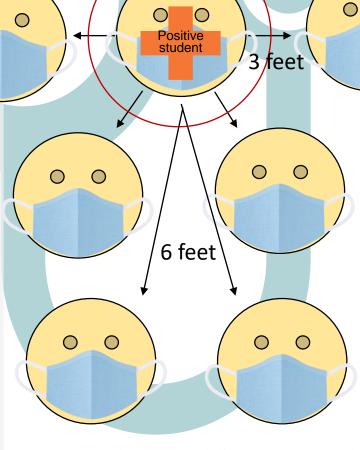
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VISITORS + ACTIVITIES

- Essential visitors (such as service providers and guest speakers) and volunteers are permitted in the buildings on a limited basis.
- Field trips and assemblies are permitted.
- Parents are permitted on campus, although we ask they
 do not enter classrooms due to the need to maximize
 physical space and avoid potential exposure.
- Kindergarten parents are allowed to walk their student in on the first day of school only.
- Lunch visitors will be restricted.
- Individually packaged, commercial treats may be brought to school for special occasions and celebrations.
- Activities and sports will begin while following the NCHSAA guidance and monitoring the status of individual schools.
- Locker Rooms will be open.
- Physical Education classes will resume dressing out.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Social + Emotional Support

Davie County Schools is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all students and staff. Our school counselors and social workers are here to help students and support them in their fears, anxieties and emotions. The well-being of students is so important to the overall happiness and success they will accomplish in their education. We encourage students to reach out to school counselors and Student Services staff to discuss concerns and ask questions. This includes, but is not limited to, COVID-19 related stressors and/or the racial concerns prevalent in our country. Together as a school district and a community, we can make a difference, and promote respect and love for everyone as we protect the health and safety of our students and staff. Counselor contact information is listed by school on our district or school websites. There is also a state supported hotline called **Hope4NC Helpline at 1-855-587-3463.**

We encourage students to:

- Talk to people they trust about their concerns and how they are feeling.
- Eat healthy, exercise, get sleep and find time to unwind.
- Take routine breaks from television and social media.
 The CDC has resources to help children reduce their stress during this time. That information can be found on the CDC website.

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