

Dodgeville School District COVID-19 Procedures and Protocols - 23-24

Safety remains a top priority. To that end the school district is committed to providing a healthy environment for students, staff and visitors. We will continue to:

- Encourage hand washing and cough etiquette
- Disinfect rooms, including desktops and counters, on a daily basis
- Provide each classroom and larger gathering spaces with a HEPA air purifying system.
- Encourage all who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination and booster
- Support students and staff who choose to wear masks as a preventative measure
 - We suggest using N95 masks for maximum protection.
- Encourage parents and students to monitor for symptoms daily
 - Anyone with a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea must stay home and may return 24 hours after symptom resolution without the use of medication.

Due to the vast majority of COVID-19 exposures coming from an unknown setting/source, the district will **no longer** contact trace during the current school year.

If you have any of the following symptoms it is recommended that you test for COVID-19

- Fever (100 degrees fahrenheit or higher) or chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Cough (not due to other known causes)
- Sore throat, when in combination with other symptoms
- Headache, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies), when in combination with other symptoms
- Nausea, vomiting, when in combination with other symptoms

If you test positive for COVID-19 you are required to isolate for 5 days from symptom onset or a positive test result (whichever occurs first).

- You may return on day 6, masked in all settings and with symptom improvement
- If you are unable to mask upon your return from isolation, you are required to isolate for an additional 5 days and may return on day 11 with symptom improvement.

In instances where the health office staff questions an undocumented COVID-19 claim, the school district reserves the right to require a note from a health care provider indicating a positive diagnosis, or documentation showing a positive COVID-19 test was performed at a healthcare facility. Failure to provide documentation may result in an excused absence from school.

Questions regarding COVID-19 or any health policy, may be directed to Kate Nichols at knichols@draschools.org