

Darlington School District COVID MITIGATION PLAN 2021-2022

GOALS: To continue in-person learning as much as possible and prevent spread of COVID-19 in school

Instructional Models

- The district will offer in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year
- In rare cases, the district may have to temporarily close school buildings for in person instruction at the discretion of district superintendent if there is significant spread or exposure to COVID-19 within the school, which would require time for contact tracing and communication with those who will be excluded OR if the inability to adequately staff occurs due to high numbers of staff in isolation or quarantine for COVID-19. Closures longer than 1 day of duration require board approval of administration plan.
- Questions regarding instructional models should be directed to the building principal

Safety Measures

- Face Coverings
 - Students and staff in grades EC/PK-12 will follow the masking requirements per guidelines in the Masking Matrix while indoors at school or indoor co-curricular activities
 - Based on the CDC order, all students and staff are required to wear a mask on schoolbuses and when in school district owned vehicles, unless there is only a driver present.
 - Students may remove face coverings when eating, drinking, during socially distanced scheduled breaks and at outdoor recess or classes outdoors.
 - Students and staff may be exempted from wearing face coverings due to special behavioral, or individual needs or due to a documented medical condition. Other exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis by the Principal, Director of Special Education, or District Administrator.
 - Bandanas, gaiters and masks with exhaust valves are not allowed as they provide minimal protection for the wearer and those around them.
 - All other rules of the district related to student dress, apply equally to masks and face coverings.
- Hand Washing and Cough Etiquette
 - Encourage frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer
 - Do not touch face covering
 - Cover cough and sneeze
- Social Distancing IN SCHOOL
 - Students should avoid direct physical contact and maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between other students. Students who are at least 3 feet distanced from an infected student in the classroom with consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks on both individuals and who had no direct contact are not considered close contacts. However, if either party was not appropriately masked, if the student was less than 6 feet from an infected student for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period, they are considered a close contact.
 - Staff should avoid direct physical contact and maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance between themselves and all other individuals.

Symptom monitoring

- On a daily basis, staff, students and parents should monitor for symptoms of infectious illness before attending school **regardless of vaccination status.**
- Please refer to the [Health Screening Checklist](#) if your child is exhibiting signs of illness.
- If you are symptomatic (even if vaccinated) & obtained a negative PCR test result, you may return to school and extracurricular activities if you are fever free for 24 hours AND symptoms are improving.
- If you are symptomatic and choose to not get tested you must isolate for 5 days from the onset of symptoms AND until no fever for 24 hours AND symptoms are improving.
- If you are diagnosed with another condition that explains symptoms (e.g., influenza or strep throat), you must complete the exclusion period for the diagnosed disease as listed in the [Wisconsin Childhood Communicable Disease Chart](#) and provide a note from a healthcare provider.

Isolation Protocols for those who are COVID positive:

- Symptomatic
 - The start of the infectious period is two days prior to symptom onset and the end of the infectious period is when ALL 3 of the below have occurred:
 - Fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications AND
 - Improvement in other symptoms AND
 - 5 days after symptom onset
 - Isolate for 5 days from the onset of symptoms AND until no fever for 24 hours AND symptoms are improving
- Asymptomatic
 - The start of the infectious period is two days prior to the day of collection of the positive test and the end of the infectious period is 5 days after the day of collection of the positive test.
 - Isolate for 5 days from the date of collection of positive result

School Matrix			
Transmission Level	Green	Yellow	Red
% of students/staff positive	<5%	5%-10%	>10%
Face Coverings	Optional	Required	Required
Quarantine Protocol	Allow in school quarantine for classroom AND non-classroom exposures if testing capacity allows.	In school quarantine for classroom exposures	In school quarantine for classroom exposures if testing capacity allows

- Using the Darlington COVID Matrix, data from the % staff/students positive will be utilized.
- Snapshot every Friday and announce Friday afternoon for any changes that may come Monday.
- 2 weeks in a row with building data at a lower level are needed to trigger a shift to that level.
- If the snapshot on Friday indicates a higher level transmission, that triggers a shift to higher risk level the following Monday.