

# 2022-2023

## **DUSD Operational Safety Plan**

Safe and Healthy Schools

Douglas Unified School District No. 27

1132 12<sup>th</sup> Street

Douglas, Arizona 85607

## **DUSD COVID-19 Point of Contact**

Mrs. Ana Samaniego Superintendent

Mrs. Denise Cox Director, Human Resources Point of Contact Mrs. Katie Walker Director, Exceptional Student Services Point

of Contact

Mrs. Alma Valenzuela District Communication Point of Contact

Ms. Anais Lopez District Point of Contact—Human Resources

Mrs. Cori Moen Clawson Elementary Principal

Ms. Anna Barroso Point of Contact

Mr. Fernando Morales Faras Elementary Principal

Ms. Dalila Romero Point of Contact

Ms. Claudia Leon Joe Carlson Elementary Principal

Ms. Rossana Leon Point of Contact

Mr. Henry Jones- Sarah Marley Elementary Principal

Ms. Reyna Espinoza Point of Contact

Mr. Enrique Duron Stevenson Elementary Principal

Ms. Esperanza Romero Point of Contact

Mr. Randy Walker Huber Middle School Principal

Mrs. Sydney Fimbres Point of Contact

Mrs. Rodna LaMadrid Ray Borane Middle School Principal

Mrs. Terry Rojas Point of Contact

Mrs. Melissa Rodriguez Douglas High School Principal

Ms. Yolanda Caruso Point of Contact

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

DUSD COVID Point of Contact	
Table of Contents	2
Updated COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies	
Before Leaving Home/At School/Face masks	
Health and Hygiene/Visitors	
Protocols	
Preparing for When Someone Gets Sick	

## <u>UPDATED COVID-19 MITIGATION STRATEGIES</u> <u>School Year 2022-2023</u>

Douglas Unified plans to enter the 2022-23 school year as normal as possible, while maintaining a few health procedures as part of our ongoing process to keep students and staff safe.

<u>Vaccinations:</u> Students, staff and community members are not required to be vaccinated in order to be on campus.

**Quarantine:** DUSD will follow requirements and recommendations from Cochise County Health Department, Arizona Department of Public Health, CDC, and Governing Board regarding quarantine protocols related to students who are exposed to COVID-19.

<u>Face Coverings/Masks:</u> Face masks are optional on DUSD campuses and transportation. See the <u>CDC's Guidance</u> for exact details regarding their recommendations. The following are exceptions:

- Symptomatic students and staff may be required to use them in the nurse's office.
- Students are required to wear a face mask when they are in days 6-10 of COVID-19 positive test protocol.

Face mask requirements are determined in conjunction with local and/or state agencies. **PPE and Hygiene:** PPE will continue to be available to students and staff who request them. Hand sanitizer will continue to be available on all campuses and district sites. **School Operations:** (e.g. classrooms, cafeteria, library, computer lab, small group interventions) Returning to as close to normal as possible, with 3 ft. distancing when feasible. Hand sanitizer will be available where lines form.

Additional updates may be made in accordance with Arizona Department of Public Health (ADHS), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Executive Orders issued by Governor Doug Ducey and the decisions made by the district's Governing Board and Leadership Team. Some procedures and protocols may vary by school based on enrollment or layout of school campus and will be shared with parents by school principals.

\*DUSD reserves the right to amend this safety plan at any point\*

#### **Before Leaving Home**

- Parent/guardian should adhere to the protocol below for symptom screening:
  - Check in with your child each morning for signs of illness. If your child has a temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher, he/she should not go to school.
  - If your child has tested positive for COVID-19, he/she should not go to school. Parents should contact the school nurse immediately.

#### At School

- As is normal practice, staff members will visually assess students for illness symptoms throughout the day.
- Parents should contact the school nurse well in advance for students with unique health considerations (e.g. chronic allergies, etc.).

#### **Face Masks**

- Face masks are optional on DUSD campuses and transportation. See the CDC's Guidance for exact details regarding their recommendations. The following are exceptions:
  - Symptomatic students and staff may be required to use them in the nurse's office.
  - Students are required to wear a face mask when they are in days 6-10 of COVID-19 positive test protocol.
- Face mask requirements are determined in conjunction with local and/or state agencies.

#### Health & Hygiene Considerations, Cleaning and Disinfection

- Frequent hand washing or sanitizing will be encouraged at regular intervals throughout the day. At a minimum, this will be encouraged at:
  - Start and end of day.
  - Before and after lunch and snack.
  - Before and after transitions/rotations/recess.
  - Before and after using the restroom.
- Sanitizing & Disinfecting
  - Disinfection to occur as regularly as possible on frequently touched surfaces (e.g. tables, desks, faucets, sinks, light switches, doorknobs, etc.)

#### **Visitors/Volunteers**

• Visitors and volunteers are permitted on school campuses before, during and after school and must follow normal District and campus procedures.

#### **Protocols**

- Protocol When a staff member and/or student tests positive for COVID-19:
  - Individual should stay at home and not report to school/work.
     Student and parent(s) should contact the school nurse. Employees must contact their Point of Contact immediately to determine next steps.
    - If a staff member and/or student is eligible to return on day 6, the individual must wear a face mask through day 10. If the staff member or student is unable to wear a mask, then student should remain at home for the full 10 days.
  - Home test kits are accepted.
- Protocol Staff member and/or student is sick with COVID-19 Symptoms without a Positive Test
  - Stay home until symptoms are resolving and are fever free for 24 hours
  - Parent/guardian should check with the school nurse if there are questions.
- Protocol Chronic Allergies or Other Chronic Symptoms that Mirror COVID-19
  - Parents should inform the school nurse of the situation, and preferably, well in advance of any situation.
  - Known chronic symptoms should be monitored by the student and their family.
  - Any student with a chronic illness from a known and documented diagnosis e.g. allergies, migraine headaches, may return to school when symptoms have improved, and student has no fever for 24hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. Any student with non-resolving symptoms should be assessed by a physician.

#### Preparing for when someone gets sick (CDC Guidelines)

#### Adults (Staff)—Contact your Point of Contact (POC) immediately for next steps

# <u>Students—Contact the school site Point of Contact (POC) or school</u> administrator for next steps

#### **Quarantine** or isolation

You quarantine when you might have been exposed to the virus.

You <u>isolate</u> when you have been infected with the virus, even if you don't have symptoms.

#### What to do for Staff and Students:

#### Quarantine Guidelines and Precautions a Close Contact Should Take

All Close Contacts Should Take These Precautions

**Regardless of vaccination status**, all close contacts should monitor for symptoms and <u>wear a well-fitting mask</u> around others for 10 days after the last close contact.

If a close contact develops <u>any COVID-19 symptoms</u>, they should <u>isolate</u>, get tested immediately, and continue to isolate if they test positive.

IF CLOSE CONTACT

### If Close Contact Is NOT up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations:

- Stay home and quarantine
- Quarantine for at least 5 days from the date of last close contact
- Get tested at least 5 days after the last close contact
- Follow the <u>precautions listed above</u>

## If Close Contact IS up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations

**No quarantine** (If they have taken the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine and boosters as recommended, they are up to date.)

#### The close contact does not need to quarantine, but should:

- <u>Get tested</u> at least 5 days after the last close contact
- Follow the <u>precautions listed above</u>

#### If Close Contact had COVID-19 within the past 90 days and recovered

#### No quarantine

The close contact does not need to quarantine. They should speak with a healthcare professional about testing recommendations and follow the <u>precautions listed above</u>

## **Isolation Guidelines**

Recommendations for People with COVID-19---ISOLATE

Have you tested positive for COVID-19 or have mild symptoms and are waiting for test results?

#### Here's What To Do:

#### Isolate. Stay at home for at least 5 days.\*

- To keep others safe in your home, wear a mask, stay in a separate room and use a separate bathroom if you can.
- Do not travel for 10 days.
- If you can't wear a mask, stay home and away from other people for 10 days.

To calculate the recommended time frames, day 0 is the day you were tested if you don't have symptoms, or the date your symptoms started.

Contact your healthcare provider to discuss your test results and available treatment options. Watch for symptoms, especially fever. If you have an <u>emergency warning sign</u>, such as trouble breathing or persistent chest pain or pressure, seek emergency medical care immediately.

## Day 6: Do a self-check. How are you feeling?

You could have loss of taste or smell for weeks or months after you feel better. These symptoms should not delay the end of isolation.

• No symptoms or symptoms improving.

- No fever without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours: You can leave isolation. Keep wearing a mask around other people at home and in public for 5 more days (days 6-10).
- Symptoms not improving and/or still have fever: Continue to stay home until 24 hours after your fever stops without using fever-reducing medication and your symptoms have improved.
- After you feel completely better, keep wearing a mask around other people at home and in public through day 10.