



Deckerville Community Schools
COVID-19 Response
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is it my responsibility to provide my children with masks each day for school or will the district provide masks for all students?

A: We ask that each student brings their own masks.

Q: I do not want my child to wear a mask. What are the consequences if my child does not wear a mask during the school day?

A: Students and staff in the Jr./Sr High School will be required to wear a mask. If a student opts for face to face instruction, they are agreeing to wear a mask at school. Students who do not agree to wear a mask should consider the virtual option. Students who cannot medically tolerate wearing a mask will not be required to do so, however, parents/guardians may be asked to provide medical documentation.

Q: I want my child to wear a mask and am working to practice appropriate face mask etiquette at home in preparation for school this fall. Will students or staff who elect not to wear masks be removed from contact with my child?

A: Students and staff in the Jr./Sr High School will be required to wear a mask. If a student opts for face to face instruction, they are agreeing to wear a mask at school. Students who do not agree to wear a mask should consider the virtual option.

Q: My 5 year old is excited to come to school and will wear a mask. Will my young child's teacher be able to wear a shield so that my child can feel welcomed and see their teacher's facial expressions and clear directions?

A: The school district has purchased a number of clear masks that should allow for students to see their teacher's mouth.

Q: Will my child have their temperature taken each day?

A: The school will not be taking temperatures of students each day, however, we do ask that temperatures be taken at home. If the student has a temperature of over 100.4 degrees fahrenheit, the student should not come to school.

Q: Will temperatures be taken before getting on the school bus?

A: No.

Q: If my child has a temperature at school, what are the steps that will follow?

A: If a child feels sick at school, the school will take the child's temperature. If the temperature is over 100.4 degrees fahrenheit, the student will need to be picked up from school immediately.

Q: If my child has a temperature, will I be required to provide a COVID 19 negative test results before my child can return to school?

A: During phase 4, a student who has demonstrated COVID symptoms may return to school after a negative COVID test OR for those who cannot be tested, after at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms AND 3 days without a fever and they are feeling better.

Q: Will I be notified if a positive COVID 19 case is present in my child's classroom?

A: The Sanilac County Health Department will be contacted if a student or staff member has a confirmed positive test result for COVID. Parents will also be notified if a student or staff member have a positive COVID test. Health Department established protocol on the need to quarantine will be followed. The district will maintain open communication with parents and staff, however, we are obligated to follow both HIPPA and FERPA regulations to issues regarding individual's personal and private information.

Q: Will I be notified if a positive COVID 19 case is present in staff or students in the district?

A: The Sanilac County Health Department will be contacted if a student or staff member has a confirmed positive test result for COVID. Parents will also be notified if a student or staff member have a positive COVID test. Health Department established protocol on the need to quarantine will be followed. The district will maintain open communication with parents and staff, however, we are obligated to follow both HIPPA and FERPA regulations to issues regarding individual's personal and private information.

Q: If my child's teacher is quarantined or healing from COVID 19 will I be notified?

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Q: I want my child to go to school this fall in person. However, I need to know what options I have if I become uncomfortable with my choice and decide to have my child stay home starting in November or February.

A: The virtual option for students will be available for the first semester which begins August 31 and ends on January 15, 2021. The choice for face to face learning and the virtual option for the second semester will be determined by administration as we get closer to the end of the first semester. Whichever option is chosen, we ask that you commit to that option through the end of the first semester.

Q: If a parent of children in the district is found to have a COVID 19 positive test results, will all of the children in that family quarantine at home away from my children at school?

A: According to the CDC guidelines, anyone with close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID should quarantine. The school would ask that these guidelines be followed. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

Q: If a child is found to be COVID 19 positive, what additional clearing procedures will be taken?

A: Commonly touched areas such as door handles, light switches, bathrooms, desks, etc. will be cleaned and disinfected multiple times throughout the day. Additionally, classroom desks at the secondary level will be cleaned and disinfected between each class.

Q: Under what circumstances should I expect school to be closed?

A: The determination of safe conditions for face-to-face instruction will be made by the Governor's Office in conjunction with state health officials. Schools will be required to maintain educational delivery to students online. We are implementing online curriculum at all grade levels for students who choose to participate in the virtual option, and will prepare students in the classroom to be able to make a transition to the online platform when necessary.

Q: How will you provide social distancing in the classrooms?

A: Desks will be spread out as much as possible in the classroom.

Q: I want my children to learn at home, I will not be sending my kids to school in person. How do they sign up for sports?

A: Contact the coach of the sport or Athletic Director Scott McVittie.