

## COVID REMINDERS

- Continue to monitor your child daily for symptoms of COVID-19.
- If your child or someone in the home is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, please do not send your child to school.
- If your child is not feeling well, do not give them fever-reducing medication (i.e. Ibuprofen or Tylenol) and then send them to school. Keep them home and contact your healthcare provider. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's school nurse if you are not sure whether or not you should send your child to school.
- If your child has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive with COVID-19, do not send them to school. Notify your child's teacher and the school nurse.
- If your child or someone in your home has been tested for COVID-19 and have not received the test results, do not send your child to school.
- If your child tests positive for COVID-19, do not send them to school. Notify the school nurse.

DHEC's recommendations regarding COVID-19 precautions, including wearing face masks, have not changed. Wearing face coverings and taking other precautions are important disease prevention methods that protect not only the person wearing the mask but also those around them from COVID-19. DHEC continues to follow federal CDC guidance, backed by multiple research studies, that masks are an effective and essential tool for protecting the health of all South Carolinians during this ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. CDC recommends schools continue to use the COVID-19 prevention strategies. This includes the recommendation that everyone wear a mask in the school setting regardless of vaccination status. Masks should be used as directed among students unless a DHEC opt-out form has been completed without change by the parent/guardian (or individual if over the age of 18).

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