

DASD COVID-19 Plan

Drummond Area School District



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CDC SCHOOL GUIDELINES FOR (RE)OPENING K-12 SCHOOLS.

Given new evidence on the COVID related variants, CDC has updated the [guidance for K-12 Schools](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html). This information can be found by following this web address:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html> . CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status. Children should return to full-time in-person learning in the fall with layered prevention strategies in place.

Purpose:

This plan serves as a framework for the reopening of the Drummond Area School District for the 2021-2022 school year. This plan is based on the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, The Wisconsin Department of Health, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, and the Bayfield County Health Department. The health and safety of our students, staff, families, and communities is the top priority in the design of each component of the plan. ***As conditions change, various aspects of the plan will change to continue the focus on everyone's safety.*** At the 1/12/2022 Special Board of Education meeting, the Board approved moving to a 5 day isolation period, followed by five days of mask wearing should an individual test positive and feel better by the fifth day.

The goal of DASD's plan is to minimize risk to students, staff, and community; support social-emotional and mental health needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and support student learning and achievement. **The emphasis for this school year is to have and maintain, in-person learning during a five-day-a-week format.** In-person learning will be the goal but there is always the possibility that we may experience a movement to virtual learning. While we anticipate our safety protocols and procedures will effectively prevent moving to virtual learning, there is still that possibility. Any adjustment from this year's plan will be based on community health and mandates from the Department of Health Services. DASD will use a color-coded description for the learning that will take place. These categories range from "green" which is a pre-pandemic learning model where all students and staff attend in-person school without any safety measures to a "red" category where all students will attend a virtual learning model and not be present at the school building. This plan will be reviewed on a monthly basis and may change in conjunction with local and county health. These categories are further explained below.

GREEN: Normal school operations as they were prior to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Students and teachers report to school and participate in a regular educational environment without precautions or adjusted environments. Face-to-face (F2F), in-person learning, is

employed and students are required to attend school in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes.

YELLOW: Students and teachers continue to report to the school building for their education. Precautionary practices are employed which include but are not limited to the following: Recommended use of personal protective equipment (PPE) such as mask and shields, social distancing encouraged in classrooms and common areas, emphasis on cleaning procedures, etc. Students and staff are still required to learn and work in the school building for full, 5-day weeks. Should the positivity rate reach 5% of the total school population, DASD will move to the Orange level and require indoor masking of all individuals.

ORANGE: School operations are adjusted to accommodate learning in multiple ways. Mask wearing will be mandated for everyone inside our buildings for a specified period of time. Should the positivity rate fall below 5%, masking will return to a recommended status. If after the specified period of time, the positivity rate is still at 5% or higher, an extension of required masking will be mandated for all individuals within the school building. Building schedules may be altered to accommodate lower numbers of people in the building and may also incorporate blended learning models. Students and staff still engage in full week learning, however, the method of learning will be varied. The most common organization would consist of a shortened in-person school week with virtual learning taking place on days when students do not report to the school building.

RED: Students will stay home and participate in a completely off-campus learning environment. 100 percent digital learning takes place with the use of technology. Teachers will report to the school building and social distance in their rooms. As “normal” of schedule as possible will continue with students attending online classes at specified times throughout the day. Teachers will stream and record lessons for students and communicate with families on a daily basis.

Mitigation Measures:

DASD will employ mitigation measures consistent with our previous school year. Students will be organized with three feet or more of social distancing when possible. Personal Protective Equipment will be available for students and staff. Diagonal seating will be used during lunchtimes to eliminate students eating directly across from one another. Cleaning procedures will consist of periodic “deep” cleaning and daily sanitizing of high-touch surfaces. Handwashing will be encouraged throughout the school day. Staff are encouraged to open windows and conduct lessons outside of the school building when appropriate.

Fan Attendance:

As of 9/22/2021, the DASD Board of Education has mandated that all visitors and fans attending events will be required to wear masks while inside the building. This decision stems from the concern that visitors to our school may come from a high COVID positivity area and masking will help safeguard our community. The Board considers “events” to mean whenever there is a gathering in school to include: sports, concerts, plays, etc. Event participants will be exempt from the mask policy. “Participants” is defined as players on the court and benches, coaches, officials, line judges, actors on stage, etc. Non-participants, such as a JV team watching the Varsity game, will need to wear a mask while in the stands.

As of 11/17/2021, the DASD Board of Education no longer requires masks for after-school activities until further notice. Masks are highly recommended to be worn.

At School COVID Testing:

Covid Clinic, our COVID testing partner, is now established within the school and is available as an option for families that want to get tested. In order for testing to take place, a signed consent is necessary to test students under the age of 18. There is also a registration process that must be completed and that can be done at school. This option is not mandatory but may be very helpful and convenient for those wanting to know if an illness is COVID-related. By being tested, students may also experience shorter absences from school.

WIAA Information:

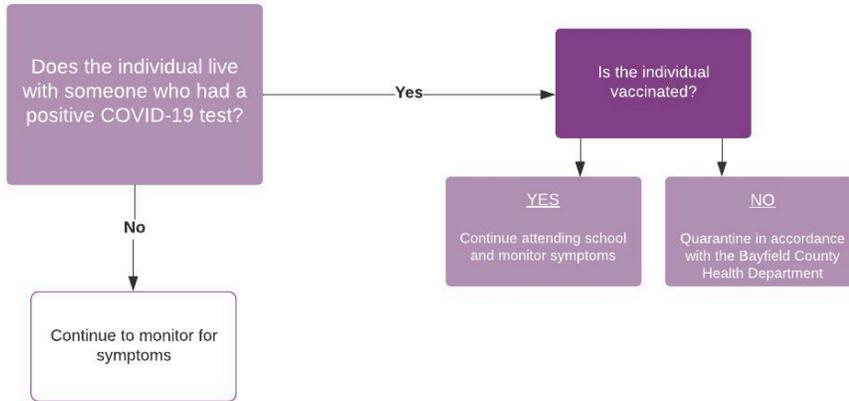
More information about sporting-related guidelines is available at the WIAA website. Please follow <https://www.wiaawi.org/Health/COVID-19-Resources> for more information.

SICKNESS at SCHOOL and QUARANTINE PROCEDURES:

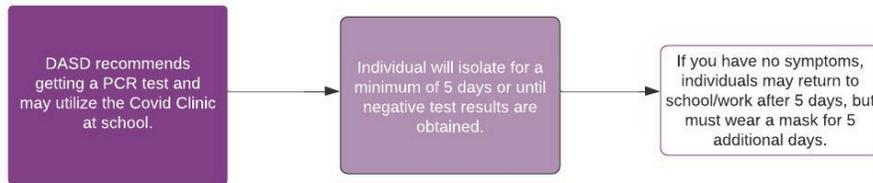
Drummond Area School District response to COVID-19 signs, symptoms, and exposure

*Note: Not every possible scenario is captured by this flowchart. Staff must contact administration any time they have symptoms or possible exposure. Questions from families will be directed to Ms. Lamb or Mr. Kaczor. DASD is partnering with Covid Clinic who will have on-site testing available for staff and students. If staff or students are ill, please stay home.

STUDENT OR STAFF WITH EXPECTED OR KNOWN EXPOSURE



IF SYMPTOMATIC



Symptoms include: Fevers or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea

Bayfield County Health Department has the authority to override this flowchart at any time.

PARENT SCREENING DOCUMENT

Parent screening document prior to sending students to school. Does your child have any of the following symptoms? Review Student or Staff with Symptoms Flow Chart.

- **Does your child have a temperature of 100.4 or higher**
- **Sore Throat**
- **New uncontrolled coughing that causes difficulty breathing**
- **If your child has asthma is there a change to their coughing**
- **Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain**
- **New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever**
- **Loss of taste or smell**

IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.