



DCPS COVID-19 Health Protocols (rev. July 16 2021)

The Daviss County Public Schools district is committed to providing high-quality in-person teaching and learning as the best and most meaningful method of instruction to our students. This has been and remains our goal - balanced with our highest priority of ensuring the health and well-being of our students and staff.

Vaccination is currently the best public health prevention strategy to curtail or end the COVID-19 pandemic. In partnership with local public health organizations, DCPS has provided multiple vaccine opportunities for eligible staff and students to be vaccinated. We will continue to make these opportunities available in the future.

DCPS is required by the local health department to continue contact tracing and quarantine all exposures pertaining to COVID-19 cases. However, vaccinated individuals will not be quarantined, unless they show symptoms. Vaccinations further reduce the likelihood of missed school and also extracurricular activities and athletics.

Students and staff will have the OPTION of wearing masks or face coverings at school and on district property. Parents/guardians of students, as well as staff members, have the choice of deciding whether to mask or unmask in DCPS schools. The choice is available to all parents/guardians on behalf of their child, and all staff members, regardless of vaccination status. The CDC and KDPH recommend masking for those unvaccinated.

DCPS will adhere to maintaining three feet of physical distancing where possible. This is not available in all settings due to the number of students, building space limitations and/or available staff/supervision. When distancing is not possible in a classroom setting, pods will be utilized as a means to limit exposures and/or quarantines. Classroom seating charts will be maintained to assist with contact tracing and quarantines.

DCPS is currently installing bipolar ionization units in every school and every classroom, along with HVAC mitigation tools proven to improve ventilation.

DCPS staff will continue to teach, reinforce, and practice handwashing with soap and water for 20 seconds or use approved hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

DCPS will continue our COVID-19 custodial cleaning regimen in all schools, and we will continue to encourage hygiene and health practices such as hand-washing, covering coughs/sneezes etc. Particular emphasis placed on high-touch surfaces.

DCPS schools will continue to provide an isolation area for symptomatic staff/students. Symptomatic individuals will be required to mask while awaiting pickup of parent or guardian.



Symptomatic students or staff must not attend school. DCPS school health staff will assist with access to COVID-19 testing and return-to-school decisions.

DCPS will continue to limit visitors to schools. Buildings will be open to essential personnel and essential direct access providers/vendors only.

Field and special trips that occur within Daviness County may resume after Sept 7 (post Labor Day). Trips required for competition purposes will be permitted without restrictions regarding date or location.

DCPS will continue to work with local officials to monitor community transmission, school transmission, vaccination coverage and other factors that will guide any need to alter health protocols. Any change in protocols will be communicated as soon as possible for quick actions.

DCPS will immediately and appropriately comply with any federal, state or local requirements or regulations pertaining to COVID-19.