



COVID Mitigation Plan 2021-2022

Goal:

To have students, faculty, and staff
safely return and remain in school
for in-person instruction



Information Changes Daily

Adapt, Pivot, and Change



**Strike a balance between high
level instruction and safety for all**

BUSSING

- All students will be required to wear masks on the bus
- There are no seating limits on the bus
- Windows will remain open for air flow and exchanges
- Students will have assigned seats on the bus

ASSIGNED SEATS

- Students will have assigned seats in classrooms and in the cafeteria
- To the extent possible teachers will keep track of small groups, carpet time, lab partners, etc.

NURSE'S OFFICE

- Masks will be required at all times for anyone in the nurse's office
- We will continue with an isolation room for overflow if needed

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- When feasible, we will strive to maintain 3 feet of social distancing

MAKE UP WORK

- If a student has to quarantine as a result of being COVID positive, or not participating in the test and stay program, work will be sent home for them to complete as was done pre-COVID. The format of this will vary from grade to grade and school to school.
- A plan is being discussed as to what will be done should we need to close a classroom, grade, or school for a period of time.

TESTING PROGRAM

Testing services included in COVID-19 Testing Program

Symptomatic Testing

- **For when individuals present symptoms while at school;** individuals should not go to school if experiencing symptoms while at home
- Samples are collected at school using **the BinaxNOW rapid antigen test**
- Those testing **negative with isolated/mild symptoms can stay** in school

"Test and Stay"

Close contact testing

- For when individuals are in close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual while at school.
- Samples are collected at school **using the BinaxNOW rapid antigen test**
- Tests are **administered daily for at least five days** from the date of exposure

Routine COVID Pooled Testing

- **Routine Pooled Testing and School-Based Follow-Up Testing:** samples are collected at school; If a pool is positive, follow-up testing at school with **either BinaxNOW and/or individual PCR testing as necessary**
- **Routine Pooled Testing and Lab-Based Follow-Up Testing:** samples are collected; If a pool is positive, **individual Follow-Up testing occurs at the lab**, without a second sample collection

ON SITE VACCINATIONS

- We have signed up to host a vaccination clinic on September 17 from 8AM to 12PM, more information to come.

FOGGING

- We will continue to fog and disinfect all spaces on a regular basis throughout the school year

LUNCHES

- Students will have assigned seats in lunch
- We will maintain 3 feet of social distancing in the cafeteria when feasible

- Hand Hygiene
- Stay at home if you are symptomatic
- Stay at home if you are living with someone who is symptomatic
- Continue with our abundance of caution approach

GUIDANCE ON CLOSE CONTACTS AND QUARANTINING

- This year there is not a remote option available to students.
- Asymptomatic, fully vaccinated close contacts: Individuals who are asymptomatic and fully vaccinated are exempt from testing and quarantine response protocols.
- Classroom close contacts: An individual who is exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual in the classroom while both individuals were masked, so long as the individuals were spaced at least 3 feet apart, is exempt from testing and quarantine response protocols.
- Bus close contacts: Individuals on buses must be masked according to federal requirements. As such, individuals who are masked on buses when windows are open are exempt from testing and quarantine response protocols.
- Close contacts who have had COVID-19 within the past 90 days: An individual who has been previously diagnosed with COVID-19 and then becomes a close contact of someone with COVID-19 is exempt from testing and quarantine response protocols if:
 - The exposure occurred within 90 days of the onset of their own illness AND
 - The exposed individual is recovered and remains without COVID-19 symptoms.

GUIDANCE ON CLOSE CONTACTS AND QUARANTINING

Protocol B-1 (Recommended): Test and Stay

- **Duration of Test and Stay:** 7 days from the date of exposure
- **Return to School:** Close contacts can remain in school and do not have to quarantine, as long as they:
 - Are asymptomatic
 - Wear masks in school at all times, other than when eating or drinking. When these individuals cannot be masked (i.e., when eating or drinking) they should maintain 3 feet of distance from other individuals to the extent feasible.
 - Take a rapid antigen test (e.g., BinaxNOW) on each school day and receive a negative result. When the 7 days from date of exposure includes weekends or holidays, individuals should quarantine on weekends, and if they remain asymptomatic, upon return to school be tested immediately. If the individual remains negative, they can stay in school.
 - Conduct active monitoring for symptoms through day 14, and self-isolate at home if symptoms develop.
- **Note:** If an individual has symptoms at the time they are designated as a close contact or develops symptoms during the Test and Stay period or the 14 days following initial exposure, they should follow the protocol for symptomatic individuals (Protocol C). If an individual tests positive at any time, they should follow the protocol for individuals who test positive for COVID-19 (Protocol A).

GUIDANCE ON CLOSE CONTACTS AND QUARANTINING

Protocol B-3: Alternate protocol for those who choose not to receive a COVID test

- **Duration:** Quarantine is at least 10 days from the date of exposure⁸
- **Return to School:** After 10 days, returning on day 11, provided that they:
 - Have not experienced symptoms up to this point
 - Conduct active monitoring for symptoms through day 14 and self-isolate if symptoms develop.
- **Note:** If an individual has symptoms at the time they are designated as a close contact or within the 14 days following initial exposure, they follow the protocol for symptomatic individuals (Protocol C). If an individual tests positive at any time, they follow the protocol for individuals who test positive for COVID-19 (Protocol A).

DATA--% Positive

	State	Douglas
Early October 2020	1%	.4%
Early November 2020	1.8%	1.97%
Early December 2020	5.3%	5.2%
July 22	1.53%	1.22%
July 29	1.46%	2.01%
August 7	2.11%	2.55%
August 12	2.69%	2.84%
August 19	2.91%	3.72%

DATA 14 DAY CASE COUNT

	DOUGLAS
Early October 2020	2
Early November 2020	9
Early December 2020	31
July 22	NA
July 29	5
August 7	7
August 12	9
August 19	16

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Students will continue to have mask breaks throughout the school day. Principals will establish a plan for their buildings. Mask break will look different this year in order to maximize instructional time.
- We will continue to monitor the situation on a weekly basis and make adjustments as needed.



QUESTIONS FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE