



DVUSD
COVID-19
Parent/Guardian
Expectations



DVUSD 2021-2022 COVID-19 Parent/Guardian Expectations

We all must work together to make our school campus as safe as possible for students, teachers, and staff. While the Deer Valley Unified School District is taking measures to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, we need our families to do the same.

You and your child are expected to follow the COVID-19 Code of Conduct as described below. Please read each statement. Please note that the District reserves the right to amend these expectations at any point during the school year.

1. I will take my child's temperature every day prior to coming to school and conduct a daily screening of my child for COVID-like symptoms prior to my child arriving at school.
2. I will keep my child home from school if my child has any of the following symptoms that are not related to an already diagnosed condition or illness: (This list may be updated by public health authorities in the future. Parents should routinely visit the [CDC's symptoms page](#).)
 - Fever of 100.0°F or higher
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
3. I understand that my child will be sent home if showing any of the above symptoms while at school. I agree that I will pick up my child within 1 hour from being notified by the school that my child is being sent home. I understand my child may need to wear a mask while waiting to be picked up by a parent/guardian.
4. I will keep my child home from school if my child has close contact with someone (e.g. household member) who has tested positive for COVID-19 or has COVID-19 like illness and follow recommended quarantine guidance which can be found by visiting <https://www.maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/58864/Quarantine-Guidance-for-Household-and-Close-Contacts?bidId> unless my child meets one of the exceptions that are outlined in public health guidance.
5. I have read the Maricopa County Department of Public Health guidance which can be found by visiting <https://www.maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/58863/Home-Isolation-Guidance?bidId=>.
6. I understand that this low threshold for keeping kids at home may mean that my child may be away from school more often than in the past, and I will plan for such contingencies.
7. I understand that face masks are not required, but optional. The current exception to this is that a federal mandate requires students and staff to wear a face mask when utilizing District transportation.

8. I understand that the school will require my child to wash their hands, use hand sanitizer, and socially distance according to the protocols established by the Deer Valley Unified School District.
9. I understand that the Deer Valley Unified School District will follow the Maricopa County Public Health Department's protocols on the reporting of COVID-19 illness at the school.
10. I will follow the District's COVID-19 reporting procedures which can be found at www.dvusd.org/covidreporting. I will report to the District's COVID-19 reporting form which can be found at <https://url.dvusd.org/COVID19ReportingForm> and contact the campus nurse as well as the campus' designated COVID-19 point of contact. At your campus, the COVID-19 designated point of contact is [Insert Designated Person (e.g., school nurse, front office or Designated Phone Number)] if my child has a confirmed positive COVID-19 test result. A list of campus nurses can be found on your campus specific website or by visiting <https://www.dvusd.org/Page/49569>.

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DVUSD Remain in School "On Campus" Operational Safety Plan For 2021-22

*DVUSD reserves the right to amend this safety plan at any point during the school year

Before the First 10 Days of School

Parent/Guardian should review DVUSD Parent/Guardian Expectations that are posted on the DVUSD at www.dvusd.org/remaininschool. (provided in the section above)

Before Leaving Home

Parent/guardian should adhere to the protocol below for symptom screening:

- Check in with your child each morning for signs of illness. If your child has a temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher, he/she should not go to school.
- Make sure your child does not have a sore throat or other signs of illness, like a cough, congestion or running nose, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, severe headache, vomiting, or body aches. Parents should routinely check [MCDPH guidance](#) regarding what symptoms are related to COVID-19.
- If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 (or is awaiting test results), he/she should not go to school. [Follow MCDPH guidance on what to do when someone has tested positive or awaiting test results](#). Parent should complete necessary reporting procedures at www.dvusd.org/covidreporting.
- If your child has had close contact with a COVID-19 case, follow [MCDPH guidance on what to do when someone has known exposure](#). Parent should complete necessary reporting procedures at www.dvusd.org/covidreporting.

Bus Safety

- Maximum of two students per seat when possible. Please note that this may not be possible in many situations.
- **All students, bus drivers and monitors are required to wear a face covering. This is mandated by the Centers for Disease Control and the Federal Transportation Security Administration.** If your child is using District provided transportation, the parent/guardian should provide the child with a clean cloth face mask daily. (Drivers are not required to wear a face mask when alone on a bus.) [See MCDPH guidance for transportation](#).

- Increased sanitizing and disinfecting procedures will occur on a daily basis. This will consist of:
 - disinfecting the bus after the A.M. routes and after the P.M. routes.
 - special education buses will be sanitized and disinfected more often due to the midday routes.
- Drivers will call school in advance if transporting a student with symptoms.
- Require charter buses to follow the same guidelines as DVUSD.
- A seating chart will continue to be used.

At School

- As is normal practice, staff members will visually assess students for illness symptoms throughout the day.
- Any student with visible symptoms will be taken to an isolation area, where parents will be contacted for pick up.
 - Campus leaders will identify an isolation area(s) to place a student (or staff member) who presents COVID-19 symptoms so as to separate the child from other students.
 - Campus leaders will be provided with specific Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (e.g. masks, gowns, gloves, eye protection, etc.) when needed.
 - Student will need to wear a face mask while in the isolation area.
- Parents should contact the school nurse well in advance for students with unique health considerations (e.g. chronic allergies, etc.).

Face Masks

- Face masks are optional. See the [CDC's Guidance](#) for their recommendations on who should wear face masks. Exceptions to face masks being optional are:
 - Students and staff must continue to wear face masks when on school busses due to federal requirements by the Centers for Disease Control and the Transportation Security Administration.
 - Symptomatic students and staff will be required to use them in the nurse's office.
 - Students who refuse to wear a face mask during required times are subject to discipline.
- Face mask requirements are determined in conjunction with local and/or state agencies.
- For families that choose to have their child(ren) wear a face mask, breaks will be provided for students to remove their face masks.

Health & Hygiene Considerations, Cleaning and Disinfection

- Frequent hand washing or sanitizing will be encouraged at regular intervals throughout the day. At a minimum, this will be encouraged at:
 - Start and end of day.
 - Before and after lunch and snack.
 - Before and after transitions/rotations/recess.
 - Before and after using the restroom.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided by the school
 - Permanent and portable hand sanitizing stations in critical areas such as front offices, lobby areas of gyms, cafeterias, nurse offices, libraries, etc.
 - Although DVUSD has ample supply of hand sanitizer, parents are encouraged to send hand sanitizer with their child for personal use.
- Sanitizing & Disinfecting
 - Periodic sanitization of frequently touched surfaces (e.g. tables, desks, faucets, sinks, light switches, doorknobs, etc.) during the school day to reduce bacteria, viruses, parasites, or fungi on surfaces to levels acceptable by public health agencies.
 - Outdoor areas generally require normal routine cleaning and do not require disinfection. This is consistent with MCDPH guidance regarding cleaning and disinfection in the school setting.

- DVUSD utilizes the safest and most effective cleaning chemical to use around stakeholders. Both staff and students can safely sanitize using this chemical.
 - Disinfection to occur at the end of each school day by trained cleaning staff members of frequently touched surfaces (e.g. tables, desks, faucets, sinks, light switches, doorknobs, etc.)
 - DVUSD uses hospital grade disinfectant registered by the EPA that kills the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) virus.
 - District Office and schools will promote health and safety protocols by posting health and hygiene posters in the following areas:
 - Front office
 - Nurse's office
 - Hallways and classrooms
 - Indoor Air Quality & Management
 - Classroom space scheduled to be purged with outside air each morning prior to the school day and outside air introduced throughout the school day
 - DVUSD mechanical systems filter outdoor & indoor air
 - Mechanical Systems are engineered for specific size, thickness, media requirements, restriction, replacement schedule
 - Air filters are changed on a regular schedule, and on an as-needed basis when warranted
 - DVUSD classrooms contain a HEPA air filter for enhanced air quality.
 - Students will be encouraged to bring at least a full water bottle each day with the student's name clearly labeled on it. Drinking fountains are operational this school year.

Food Services

- Meals continue to be free throughout the 2021-22 school year. When students choose individual portions such as beverages (including milk), and snack items, charges will apply.
- Students will continue to receive meals through Nutrition Services or they may bring meals from home.
- Cafeteria staff will use touchless procedures or ID card scanners to key students in for meals or limited extra items. (Frequently sanitized PIN pads will be used in absence of ID cards.)
- There will be no self-service bar for staff and students - condiments will be pre-packaged.
- DVUSD will follow the CDC's "No Sharing" guidelines with all food and drinks.
- Parents may use the [DVUSD Birthday Bucket](#) option if desired. Prepackaged birthday treats are permitted following campus expectations. These items must be submitted to the school 4 days prior to serving to students.

Social/Physical Distancing

- Schools will attempt to implement strategies for arrival and dismissal to stagger various waves of students.
- Classrooms will be organized to allow for 3 feet at times and will also include times when 3 feet is not provided. (Parents should have no expectation that a certain amount of physical distancing will occur.)
- Schools will use consistent seating charts.
- During at least the first quarter of the school year students will report directly to classrooms when they arrive at school.
- Breakfast/Lunch
 - High School will increase the distance between lunch tables and use outside tables when possible.
- Schools are permitted to hold assemblies. This is subject to change per District discretion.
- High Schools will return to a regular 6 period per day schedule.
- Off campus field trips will be permitted. Virtual field trips and assemblies will be encouraged as well.

Visitors/Volunteers

- During Quarter 1, visitors and volunteers are not permitted on school campuses during the school day when students are mandated by the state of Arizona to be in school. This is subject to revision for Quarter 2.
 - Visitors/volunteers may be allowed per normal District and campus procedures beginning 30 minutes after dismissal and field trips.
- Front office staff will continue to attempt to conduct all business with the public via appointments. Community members are encouraged to conduct business with front offices by scheduling appointments ahead of time.
- Front offices will be configured in a manner that limits the number of persons so that social distancing can occur. Front office staff will direct the public to wait outside if the maximum number of persons is reached inside the front office.
- PTA Activities K-12
 - No restrictions on activities conducted outside of regular school day. PTA activities are subject to regular campus expectations and approval processes. DVUSD may change this guidance depending on levels of COVID-19 spread in the community.
- K-12 “Meet the Teacher”/Back to School/Student Orientation events are permitted.

Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

- Athletics and extracurricular activities at all levels (preK-12) will be permitted in 2021-22.
- High school athletics will follow AIA rules for competition.
- Specific practices and procedures will be provided by the District’s Director or Operations and Athletics and the District’s Fine Arts CIAS.
- Limitations on the number of visitors for the events may be implemented depending on levels of COVID-19 spread in the community.

Protocols

- **Protocol - Notification of COVID-19 Case to Community** - DVUSD will follow the guidelines outlined in ADHS Emergency Measure 2020-03 and notify current staff, faculty, students, and students’ parents and guardians if an outbreak due to COVID-19 occurs within the population of a school within 24 hours of confirming such information.
 - ADHS defines an outbreak as two or more laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases among students or staff with onsets within a 14-day period, who are epidemiologically linked, do not share a household, and were not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting during standard case investigation or contact tracing.
- **Protocol - When a student tests positive for COVID-19:**
 - Student should stay at home and not report to school. Student and parents should follow [DVUSD COVID-19 reporting procedures](#).
 - Family will be contacted by a school or District staff member to complete the contact tracing interview protocol.
 - School or district staff member will notify those student(s) or staff who have close contact with the student who tested positive. The school will notify all other students in the class as applicable.
 - Student may return to school after the student meets the requirements set forth by [Maricopa County Department of Public Health](#).
 - **(07/21/21 - *Quarantine procedures are under review for possible changes by public health*)** Students and staff members who have had close contact with a student or staff member who has tested positive will be notified via a phone call and a letter. A student can be released early from quarantine on Day 8 or after only if the student receives a negative COVID-19 test result beginning on Day 6 of the quarantine or after. In order to do this, the parent must provide proof of the negative result along with the date of the test and the student must be symptom free since the last exposure. (The exceptions to quarantine for being a close contact are the following: 1) the student is

fully vaccinated (14 days past the final dose and proof can be provided) and symptom free and 2) if a student has been COVID-19 positive in the last 90 days and proof can be shown. The student must be symptom free as well.) DVUSD is required by law to follow quarantine protocols due to ARS 36-788. DVUSD will follow other exemptions as they evolve and are outlined in [MCDPH quarantine guidance](#).

- The classroom and other areas where the student who tested positive for COVID-19 will be disinfected according to guidelines from Maricopa County Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control.
- **Protocol - Student is sick with COVID-19 Symptoms without a Positive Test or Awaiting Test Results**
 - Protocol is the same as if the student had tested positive for COVID-19. If the test returns a negative result, the student must stay home until symptoms are improving and he/she has been fever-free without medication for 24 hours. Parent/guardian should check with the school nurse if there are questions.
 - When students are absent for documented COVID-related reasons (quarantined or self-isolated) by DVUSD in accordance with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) guidelines, students will have access to the curriculum and daily content through Canvas to receive instruction. Certain federally mandated programs may provide additional support.
 - K-6
 - Students will have the opportunity to have curricular support using their Canvas courses as well as options for connecting with their teacher.
 - Teachers will communicate with absent students due to COVID-19 related reasons a minimum of 2 check ins per week (during school hours)
 - 7-12
 - Students will have the opportunity to have curricular support using Canvas and/or scheduling an appointment with the teacher.
- **Protocol - Close Contact for a Student with Someone Who is COVID-19 Positive**
 - **(07/21/21 - *Quarantine procedures are under review for possibly change(s) by public health*)**
 - If a student is in close contact with a positive case of COVID-19 (e.g. household member or other member of the community), then:
 - Student should stay at home and not go to school. Student and parents should follow [DVUSD COVID-19 reporting procedures](#).
 - Stay home and monitor for symptoms for 10 days. A student can be released early from quarantine on Day 8 or after only if the student receives a negative COVID-19 test result beginning on Day 6 of the quarantine or after. In order to do this, the student must be separated from the COVID-19 positive person, be symptom free since the last exposure, and the parent must provide proof of the negative result along with the date of the test. DVUSD is required by law to follow quarantine protocols due to ARS 36-788.
 - There are two exceptions - The first exception to being a close contact is if a student has been COVID-19 positive in the last 90 days. In this situation, if the parent can prove the student was COVID-19 positive in the last 90 days, then the student does not need to be quarantined. The student must be symptom free as well. The second exception is if the student is fully vaccinated (and can show proof of vaccination) and symptom free. (This is defined as 14 days past the final dose.) DVUSD will follow other exemptions as they evolve and are outlined in [MCDPH quarantine guidance](#)
- **Chronic Allergies or Other Chronic Symptoms that Mirror COVID-19**
 - Parents should inform the campus administrator and school nurse of the situation, and preferably, well in advance of any situation.

- Known chronic symptoms should be monitored by the student and their family.
- Any student with a chronic illness from a known and documented diagnosis e.g. allergies, migraine headaches, may return to school when symptoms have improved, and student has **no** fever for 24-hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. Any student with non-resolving symptoms should be assessed by a physician.
- **Student is Sick with Something Other than COVID-19 (e.g. strep throat)**
 - If student has a lab confirmed diagnosed condition from a medical provider for something such as strep throat, then student can return without isolating for 10 days provided that the student is symptom-free, fever-free without medication for 24 hours, and is able to provide documentation of the lab result to the school nurse.
 - When students are absent for reasons other than COVID-related illnesses or quarantine, students will have access to the curriculum and daily content through Canvas to receive instruction.
 - K-12
 - Students will have the opportunity to have curricular support using their Canvas courses to stay on track with learning, assignments, and other classroom related tasks while absent.
- **Attendance Procedures - CUTS, loss of credit, etc.** - Schools will adjust absence procedures for CUTS, loss of credit, etc. to account for the increased absences due to COVID-19.

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