

Dale Public Schools  
2023-2024

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SCHOOL



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## **BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN**

**The goal of this plan is to provide a safe and healthy environment in which Dale Public Schools may reopen classrooms for teaching and learning. This plan is to remain in effect as long as the district determines that such policies and procedures are required to support the health and safety of students and staff.**



# HEALTH AND SAFETY



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# DAILY PROCEDURES



**A thermometer will be provided to every classroom teacher. Temperatures will be taken by teachers at the beginning of each day during their 1st class period. Any student who shows symptoms of COVID-19 according to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention guidelines will be placed in separate waiting areas until a parent or guardian arrives to take their child home. The student must be picked up within 30 minutes of being notified.**



**Protective face coverings are suggested for all students 2nd - 12th grade and all employees. Evidence shows a decrease in COVID-19 when a face covering is worn. Students and employees will be responsible for providing their own face coverings.**



# COVID-19 PROTOCOL

- (1) Employee or student suspected or known to have contracted COVID-19 *and has exhibited symptoms*



Return to school when ALL of the following conditions have been met:

- 3 days with no fever
- Symptoms are no longer present
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

- (2) An employee or student has known close contact (closer than 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes) with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19



Return to school when a 14-day quarantine or other action as determined by the school administrators through consultation with the Department of Health is completed



# COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

Parents are asked to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms at home.

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported - ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

Fever or Chills

Cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Fatigue

Headache

Muscle or body aches

Sore throat

Diarrhea

Nausea or vomiting

New loss of taste or smell

Congestion or running nose

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/sympoms-testing/symptoms.html>



# MITIGATION STRATEGIES



Cleaning and disinfecting frequency will increase. Commonly touched surfaces will be cleaned frequently. Cleaners and disinfectants that are EPA-approved for use against COVID-19 will be used.

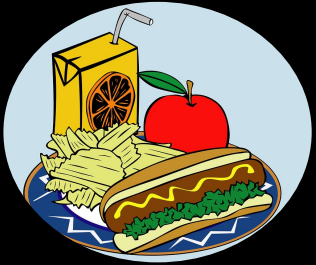


Visitors will be allowed in the building on a very limited basis as approved by the building principal. Visitors will be required to wear a facemask in school buildings during the normal school hours. Depending upon the level of community spread within the school district, buildings and facilities may be closed to outside groups and activities to reduce potential spread.



Students will be taught and reminded about coughing/sneezing etiquette, keeping hands away from the face, and effectively washing hands. Handwashing and hand sanitizing will be promoted and reinforced.

# THE SCHOOL DAY



**Lunch periods will be adjusted to ensure that fewer students are in the cafeteria at one time. Cafeteria tables will be cleaned before another group of students is allowed to sit down**



**Desks will be spaced as much as possible in the classrooms. Desks will be disinfected during each passing period. Sharing of high-touch materials will be minimized.**





# TRANSPORTATION



**Students are to be spaced at a maximum allowable distance in assigned seats. Buses will be disinfected after each bus route.**



**Parents are strongly encouraged to transport children to school when possible. If there is a shortage of bus drivers due to COVID-19, bus routes may need to be adjusted or reduced.**



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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **How can I help as a parent?**

- Donations of hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and additional school supplies would be helpful.
- Please take your child's temperature at home each morning.
- Keep your child at home if he or she exhibits symptoms of any illness.
- Let your child's principal know if you need assistance with internet access during remote learning.
- Please have a mask available for buses or any necessary changes in our policy and practice.
- Communication is especially key during this time. Please openly communicate with your child's teachers and principal.
- Please be patient through changes in school procedures such as visitor access to school buildings.
- Cooperate with the Department of Health if COVID-19 contact tracing is necessary.



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **When will we use Remote Learning?**

Remote Learning includes lessons taught and assignments provided by classroom teachers. This learning pathway will be utilized for an individual student when undergoing quarantine, or by a larger group of students when on-site instruction is temporarily suspended. This may include COVID-related building closures or other building closures, such as inclement weather.

### **Will classes be canceled or will school buildings be closed again?**

School closures will be determined by recommendations from state and local health authorities. However, final decisions will be made by Dale Public School.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is Canvas?**

**This a learning management system that has been used by other K-12 schools and colleges for several years. Canvas allows teachers to teach lessons and share and collect assignments through this online system.**

