

COVID Protocols
DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A
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School Year 2021-2022

It is the goal for the 2021-2022 school year that the Dolores School District will operate with in-person learning. The previous year required an emergency response to the pandemic that resulted in periodic disrupted in-person learning. With the information and experience from the previous year, the availability of vaccinations, consultation from our local public health and medical providers, and the purpose of prioritizing academic learning and thinking skills of our students; in-person learning is not only possible but essential to the overall well-being of our students, staff, and community. Policy ADD addresses the district's obligation of keeping students safe. Policy ADF establishes a Wellness Committee for management and oversight of the policy and establishes goals and objectives.

In-person Learning Protocols:

Dolores School District will follow a layered approach to reduce risk, meaning we will use a combination of practices appropriate for each environment. Practices include:

- Following the attached chart outlines the description of circumstances on our campuses and the significant outcomes of these circumstances. As circumstances change the wellness committee will meet, either electronically or in-person to discuss and propose a change to the "color level" that the district falls in and the learning modality of learning offered.
- Following CDC/CDPHE/local health department rules for quarantining students to prevent the further spread of the virus.
- Making available vaccinations for adults or students. If anyone is interested in receiving the vaccination our school nurse and the 4-Corners Youth Clinic can direct you to the best facility.
- Providing test kits for families of our students. Test kits are available on campus and can be used if the school suspects COVID and **after parental consent** is given.
- Possibly reduced volunteers and visitors allowed on campus.
- If students or staff have been exposed to COVID, they will be required to stay home until the mandatory quarantine period ends, the COVID-like symptoms have improved, and/or a negative test is confirmed. Refer to flowchart
- If a person in school is diagnosed with COVID, those who have close contact will be notified by the school nurse--close contact means less than 6 feet for 15 consecutive minutes. The notification allows the family to closely monitor for symptoms. Those who have close contact will be restricted from attendance and participation in activities until they remain symptom-free (asymptomatic). Testing will be available to confirm the negative status.
- Providing handwashing soap and disinfectant in convenient locations.

- Routinely disinfecting high-touch areas in all classrooms, halls, and offices.
- Using the outdoors for instruction and distancing when possible.
- Ensuring masks are properly worn when riding a school bus (Department of transportation regulation).
- If the school nurse and superintendent determine 7.5% of a school is diagnosed with COVID, the Wellness Team will meet to determine the next steps, which may result in the entire school shifting to remote learning for up to ten consecutive days.
- In our decision making the Wellness Committee's goal is to sustain in-person learning. In the event, we move to quarantine, the committee will quarantine the least amount of students possible.
- If local public health determines transmission and/or hospitalization rate in the local community is rising significantly, the Wellness Team will meet to determine the next steps, which will likely result in a return to additional mitigation practices like masking, social distancing, and/or hybrid or remote learning.
- We will utilize the district Quarantine Protocol Flowchart to determine when a student returns to school.
- Parents and guardians can use these symptom checklists to determine when to keep their child at home. These lists refer only to new symptoms or a change in usual symptoms. A student/ staff should not be kept home for usual symptoms they experience due to a chronic condition unless they are worse than usual. These guidelines are in addition to your regular school guidance (for example, a child with vomiting should also not attend school based on usual school guidance).

Major Symptoms of COVID-19	Minor Symptoms fo COVID-19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fever, chills, or temperature of 100.4° F or greater ● Loss of taste or smell ● New or worsening cough ● Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sore throat ● Runny nose or congestion ● Muscle of body aches ● Headache ● Fatigue ● Nausea, vomiting ● Diarrhea

- If a student is quarantined because they test positive, siblings are required to be quarantined as well. If a student is quarantined due to exposure and has no symptoms present (asymptomatic) sibling is optional unless the student becomes symptomatic.

The Dolores School District is determined to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of all students and staff in an environment that supports the physical and mental health of the school community. If you would like more information on this matter or if you would like to share your thoughts, please call or email me at the contact information below.

Quarantine Protocol

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