

QUARANTINE UPDATES



Dear Daniel Island Academy families and employees:
Our goal is to continue to be effective educators, provide a safe environment, and avoid additional stress for the DIA community.

*IF DIA has 10% or more of students & staff absent due to testing positive for COVID -
We will reinstate Quarantine & Contact tracing as written below:*

QUARANTINE CHANGES:

If there is a positive case of COVID in your child's class and your child needs to quarantine, we will offer the option to quarantine the entire class (minus the positive case – see isolation requirements below) at school within that classroom. **TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CLASS QUARANTINE, your child MUST:**

- *have a negative antigen test (we will accept home test) OR*
- *have been verified (via positive PCR or antigen test) as having been infected with COVID in the last 90 days OR*
- *have received ALL of the vaccine doses for which they are eligible (completed initial vaccination series AND any age-appropriate boosters).*

If you choose to participate in this option, your child, as a Close Contact:

- *Will be kept in the environment with their teachers.*
- *Will not be allowed to attend any enrichments during quarantine.*
- *Will not be allowed to arrive prior to 7:30am.*
- *Children 3 and older will need to wear a mask while teachers will work with the 2-year old children to strongly encourage mask wearing.*
- *We will monitor temperatures upon arrival, at midday, and before the child leaves school.*
- *If a child is showing any symptoms of illness at all, he will not be permitted to stay.*
- *Upon arrival, on the first day of quarantine, a parent will need to sign a form that outlines the rules of the quarantine environment.*
- *After quarantining for 5 days, the child will get tested and continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.*

QUARANTINE CLOSE CONTACT:

IF YOU CHOOSE TO QUARANTINE AT HOME, OR IF THE CLOSE CONTACT OCCURRED OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL. The following guidelines are:

- *Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing IF asymptomatic. *PLEASE NOTE-In the event that the close contact cannot/will not mask properly, the close contact must follow the 10 day quarantine.*
- *Quarantine can end after Day 5 IF a viral test (PCR or Antigen, taken no sooner than day 4) is negative AND asymptomatic AND contact is able to mask through Day 10. *PLEASE NOTE-Just as with previous guidance, there are two options for exemption from quarantine. Option 1: close contact has been verified (via positive PCR or antigen test) to have been infected with COVID in the last 90 days. Option 2: close contact has received ALL of the vaccine doses for which they are eligible (completed initial vaccination series AND any age-appropriate boosters).*

ISOLATION – IF INDIVIDUAL TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID 19:

ISOLATION CHANGES must meet ALL requirements.

- *Shortened 5-day isolation: IF symptomatic- must stay home for 5 days from onset of symptoms. IF asymptomatic but tests positive for COVID- must stay home for 5 days from positive test date.*
- *Staff and/or child must wear a mask for days 6-10, at all times. *PLEASE NOTE-In the event that the positive COVID case cannot/will not mask properly, case must remain excluded for the full 10 days. Some age groups such as less than 3 years of age might not be able to tolerate wearing a mask in the childcare setting.*

MUST PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION UPON RETURN IF:

- *It has been 5 days since start of symptoms*
- *A parent's note states that symptoms have improved*
- *There has been NO fever in the past 24 hours without fever-reducing medication*
- **PLEASE NOTE-The exclusion list does not provide objective symptom improvement measures but rather provides an opportunity for the facility to work with the family to assess for improvements on a case-by-case basis.*

REMINDER:

EVERYONE WHO ENTERS SCHOOL SHOULD MONITOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR SYMPTOMS, **INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:**

- *Elevated temperature (100.4)*
- *Flu-like/new respiratory symptoms*
- *Cough*
- *Headache*
- *Shortness of breath*
- *Fever*
- *Sore throat*
- *Diarrhea*
- *Nausea*
- *Vomiting*
- *Muscle or body aches*
- *Congestion*
- *Runny nose*

IF your child is showing ANY signs of ANY of these symptoms, please keep him/her home in keeping with DIA policies.

We are grateful that our school family has worked together so we can make informed decisions. You should promptly report any positive test results directly to kerry@danielislandacademy.com for DHEC reporting purposes, for the safety of other families and staff, and to reserve the option of exemption if needed during the following 90 days.

*Wishing you well,
Daniel Island Academy*