



2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR  
CSD COVID-19 MITIGATION PLANS\*

# WHAT TO EXPECT THIS YEAR

MITIGATION STRATEGIES\*  
ALL LEVELS OF COMMUNITY SPREAD\*\*\*

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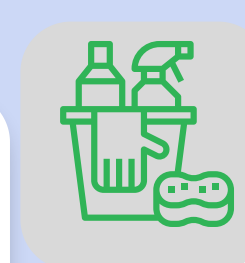
## VACCINATIONS

Staying up to date on routine vaccinations is essential to prevent illness from many different infections. For COVID-19, [staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations](#) is the leading public health strategy to prevent severe disease. Staff and students who are not up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations will be required to quarantine if identified as a close contact, even if they are asymptomatic.



## STAY HOME WHEN SICK

People with symptoms of infectious diseases, including [COVID-19](#), influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and gastrointestinal infections, should stay home and get tested for COVID-19. Staying home when sick can lower the risk of spreading infectious diseases.



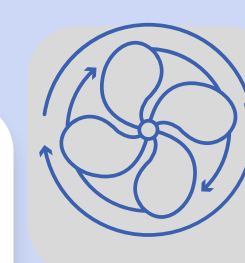
## CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

CSD will frequently clean surfaces to reduce the risk of germs spreading by touching surfaces.



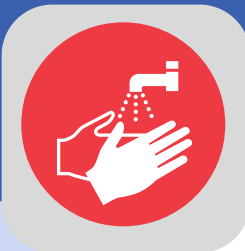
## SIGNAGE

Appropriate signage will be displayed prominently throughout all CSD facilities to remind staff and students of our mitigation strategies.



## VENTILATION SYSTEMS

CSD will optimize ventilation and improve indoor air quality to reduce the risk of germs and contaminants spreading through the air.



## HAND HYGIENE / RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

[Washing hands](#) can prevent the spread of infectious diseases. CSD will teach and reinforce proper handwashing to lower the risk of spreading viruses. School staff will provide adequate hand washing supplies and opportunities for handwashing before and after lunch. Additional hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol will be placed throughout each building. CSD will also teach and [reinforce respiratory etiquette](#).



## CONTACT TRACING

Contact tracing will only be completed in response to outbreaks of COVID-19. CSD will consult with the Department of Health to determine if an outbreak has occurred.



## ISOLATION / QUARANTINE

CSD will follow [isolation and quarantine procedures as established by the CDC](#). Individuals who are not up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations will be required to quarantine as directed by the CDC guidance if identified as a close contact.



## DIAGNOSTIC TESTING / POINT OF CARE TESTING

Diagnostic Testing is intended to identify current infection in individuals and should be performed on anyone that has signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and/or following recent known or suspected exposure.



## NOTIFICATION EXPOSURE AND REPORTING

Schools will send communication to parents/guardians and staff who were in a class with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 48 hours. Schools will also send a letter to the entire school community to notify families and staff if an individual with COVID-19 was identified in the building within the last 48 hours. School nurses will continue to report COVID-19 positive cases to the Department of Health. CSD will only report positive cases on the COVID-19 Weekly Report.



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This document is a summary of the strategies in place this year based on the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control, Georgia Department of Education, and Dekalb Health Department to help keep our staff and students as safe as possible while we provide a rich learning environment that promotes equitable and exceptional outcomes, even in the face of challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CITY SCHOOLS OF DECATUR HAS CONTINUED TO EVALUATE AND ADAPT OUR TEACHING, LEARNING, AND OPERATIONS TO ENSURE WE CAN WELCOME OUR STAFF AND STUDENTS BACK THIS YEAR TO A HEALTHY AND ENGAGING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

| MITIGATION STRATEGIES* AND COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVELS**<br><u>BASED ON CDC IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY LEVELS</u>   |   |  |   |
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|   | LOW   | MEDIUM   | HIGH  |
| <b>MASKING***</b><br>Wearing a well-fitting mask consistently and correctly reduces the risk of spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.   | Anyone who chooses to wear a mask will be supported in their decision to do so. | Immunocompromised or at risk of getting very sick with COVID-19 should talk to their healthcare provider about the need to wear a mask and take other precautions. | Indoor masking is recommended for all staff, and students, and <u>required for visitors</u> |
| <b>SCREENING TESTING</b><br>Screening testing identifies people with COVID-19 who do not have symptoms or known suspected exposures so that steps can be taken to prevent further spread of COVID-19. | Screening testing infrastructure is maintained.                                 | Reduced volume screening testing   | Screening testing is recommended for all staff and students                                 |

\*CSD has based our local school mitigation plans on the [CDC Guidance](#) for preventing the spread of COVID-19 in schools.

\*\*Additional Mitigation layers may be added during large gatherings. Attendees will be notified in advance if additional layers of mitigation will be used during such events.

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